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£1.4bn fund to be shared out to firms

New jobs will be created at firms in Dudley that are expected to receive a share of a £1.4 billion windfall in Regional Growth Fund cash from the Government to support expansion plans.

Metal firm Thomas Dudley Ltd, is set to receive £700,000 to go towards a £4.7 million project to install an automatic moulding line and associated equipment to improve its manufacturing capacity.

This will include making castings for the automotive industry.

The firm, on Birmingham New Road, says it aims to create 40 new jobs over the next four years. It currently employs 247 people, including part-time staff.

Joint managing director at the firm Martin Dudley confirmed the firm was now in line to receive the cash.

"This is great news for the firm and for the Dudley area as a whole as many of our staff are employed locally," he said. "It is in principle at the moment and we are expecting final confirmation in around eight weeks. But this is excellent news and will go towards this major project at the company."

Also set to receive cash from the fund is NDC Polythene, which has offices in Narrowboat Way, Brierley Hill. Bosses said it had won "several hundred thousand pounds" for expansion plans that would create 12 jobs and secure the future of its existing 45 staff. The company makes bulk polythene packaging.

It was also announced metal firm Angle Ring, in Bloomfield Road, Tipton, is also in line to receive funding, although again an amount has not been announced.

The money will be used for a workshop expansion to develop its project line and enter new markets.

Expansion is key to new John Lewis store

John Lewis has revealed it is still considering opening a store at Dudley's Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

But managing director Andy Street said the plans depended on the centre expanding.

Discussions have taken place between Merry Hill owners Westfield and John Lewis about the possibility of bringing a store to the Black Country.

Mr Street said the plan was on the "back burner" and added: "There has to be an expansion of Merry Hill for us to consider moving there."

Westfield has been working on plans to expand the centre with almost 70,000 sq ft of offices and 1,350 new homes.

Meanwhile, John Lewis is forging ahead with plans for its £100 million store at the Birmingham New Street Station development.

Fault strands train

Passengers were stranded after a fault on the Severn Valley Railway line caused the attraction's services to be delayed. A problem with the tracking system inside the tunnel between Bewdley and Kidderminster caused trains to back up outside while engineers worked to repair the fault.

People on the 2.15pm train from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster were unable to complete their journey. The passengers, who had paid up to £25 each for the three course Sunday lunch dining service, had to abandon their journey with passengers on the following two trains.

Railway bosses said the circuit meant to tell drivers whether there is a train in the tunnel was not working correctly.

Transformation aims to put region on tourism map

£10m BOOST WILL BRING IN 200 JOBS

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More than 200 new jobs will be created in Dudley as part of a £10million transformation of the Castle Hill district which is set to put the "Black Country on the tourism map".

The European Regional Development Fund has agreed to plough £4.5million into the project, with the rest coming from Dudley Council, Dudley Zoo and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The jobs will be generated by the link-up of the zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust and construction work on the five-year scheme.

Regeneration boss Councillor Angus Adams said the work would start "as soon as possible" on the project, with the first ground set to be broken in four to six weeks' time.

"This project will hopefully increase visitor numbers from 600,000 a year to one million people a year, and create around 200 new jobs," he said. "We were absolutely delighted with the news of the European money and can't wait to get started."

The scheme, which forms part of a wider project across 200 hectares of land around the Castle Hill area, eventually hopes to pave the way for dozens of new businesses and turn the district into a tourism and leisure hub.

Attractions

The foundation of this hub will be created with the building of a shared arrival point and car park for visitors to the three attractions, leading off Tipton Road, and the £6million Sandwell archive building.

Plots for other leisure and tourism attractions will be created along the road, with the council hoping to attract new businesses to the site and create yet more jobs.

Director of development Carolyn Pugh said: "This is very welcome news for Dudley, the borough and the wider region, and the Black Country Living Museum is delighted to be a part of the project."

"We look forward to working with Dudley Council and the other attractions at Castle Hill to create a thriving, high-quality tourism offer which will further improve the visitor experience and put the Black Country firmly on the tourism map."

The grant includes £1.2m towards work at Dudley Zoo, which will upgrade roads at the site, fund new signs and create a new medieval-themed visitor experience at Dudley Castle, as well as improve the entrance.

It is hoped the project, part of a wider scheme across 200 hectares of land in the Castle Hill area, will pave the way for dozens of new businesses and turn the district into a tourism and leisure hub.

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The Wright way for shopping



Former Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright and Tottenham Hotspur star Jermaine Defoe greeted fans as they officially opened fashion store Twenty9 at Merry Hill Shopping Centre in Brierley Hill. Both had been invited to the store opening by friend and entrepreneur Gerald Bailey who manages the store as part of his Midlands-based clothing retail group Diffusion.

"It's a brilliant store and it's good to see so many people have come down here," said Wright at Monday's launch. "I've known Gerald for a while now and just wanted to come down and support him, try some clothes and meet the staff here."

Mr Bailey said the new venture, Twenty9, was a chance to broaden his business's appeal to an older clientele. Dozens of shoppers arrived to have

their picture taken with the footballers, including Samantha Hulme, who works in the shopping centre. "It is amazing they came down here so I thought I'd get a picture," said the 24-year-old of Perton, Wolverhampton.

Ian Wright trying on a jacket assisted by shop owner Gerald Bailey

Anger over eco park's waste plant

Angry residents are launching a campaign against a new £120 million eco park in Coseley which will house a waste processing plant.

They will try to stop the plant being built. The facility would convert thousands of tons of rubbish into electricity.

The eco park has been billed as "one of the most environmentally-friendly employment destinations in the Midlands".

It is expected to create up to 1,300 new jobs on the 66-acre site stretching between Birmingham New Road and Sedgley Road West, which will also contain a supermarket and 200 homes.

But campaigners fear the Energy Recovery Facility, which reacts waste with gases at a high temperature to generate heat and electricity, could actually damage the environment.

Residents say it had not been made clear that a waste plant was part of the plans. They are concerned the fumes coming from the chimney stack could pollute the atmosphere.

Incinerator

Developers say the plant is not an incinerator as the waste would not actually combust. They say each year it will process up to 120,000 tons of waste and generate up to 11MW of electricity, enough for 11,000 homes.

Carla Ward, of Thunderbolt Way, is starting a petition against the plant.

She said: "As a neighbour to the site, I'm really shocked by the scale of the plans for the ERF, and the pollution it will cause."

Members of Dudley & District Friends of the Earth are also fighting the plans.

Graham Willson, director of the site's owner, Skelton Group Investments, said they had been "open" about the waste plant proposals.

He added: "This process is 10 times cleaner than any other of its kind which allows us to use it an area like Coseley. I am confident we can allay people's fears and show them this is not the same as an incinerator." A planning application for the eco park was submitted to Dudley Council on Monday.

Meat worker's hand trapped

A man suffered severe wounds to his hands after his fingers became trapped in a meat-sorting machine at a Black Country abattoir.

The man, aged 48 and believed to be Bulgarian, had been working in a room at Janan Meat, in Ham Lane, Kingswinford, when his hand got caught in the combination machine, which is used to sort meat.

He was airlifted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham to undergo emergency reconstructive surgery to his right hand.

Crew commander Mick Clarke, from Brierley Hill Fire Station, said the worker had received treatment from paramedics while firefighters worked out how to free his hand. Eventually, he added, they dismantled the entire thing using small tools.

Glassboys cruising in Cup

Non-league Stourbridge are celebrating after cruising into the FA Cup first round for only the second time in their 135-year history. They beat Black Country rivals Rushall Olympic 5-0 to set up an away clash with Plymouth Argyle.

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Pledge on future of jobs

Council and business chiefs have insisted a Midland town still has a bright future despite more than 100 jobs being lost and another 70 put at risk in the last fortnight. They say up to 4,000 jobs could be created in Kidderminster in the coming years under regeneration plans.

A total of 73 jobs are under threat after delivery firm Yodel announced it was almost halving its depot network in Kidderminster. Staff at the company's Hoo Farm Industrial Estate depot have been told it will close early next year. Another 49 jobs are under threat with the planned closure of Yodel's Oldbury

depot. Also, 200-year-old carpet company Brintons has announced that 70 jobs are to go with the closure of its site in Kidderminster town centre.

And up to 37 jobs are to be axed at luxury boat builder Sealine as it "streamlines" the workforce at its Worcester Road headquarters. Wyre Forest District Council leader John Campion said the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership still planned to create up to 4,000 jobs in the district.

He said: "Despite these tough conditions we have encouraged and supported investment which is now bearing fruit in and around the town."

Children visit abbey

Schoolchildren in Worcestershire and Dudley enjoyed a visit to Westminster Abbey recently.

The pupils joined students from almost 5,000 church schools and academies from across the country who had been invited to a special thanksgiving service to celebrate 200 years of the founding of church schools. The diocese received 35 tickets which were shared between seven schools. Director of education for the Diocese of Worcester, said: "This was a great experience for the children and demonstrated that by going to a church school they are a part of something much bigger. Some of our pupils even got to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury in person."

The service at the Abbey was a celebration of the Church of England's National Society.

Time may be running out for centre clock

A commemorative clock faces an uncertain future when it is removed from a Black Country shopping centre for redevelopment work to begin.

The clock was installed inside Stourbridge's Crown Centre in 2005 as a celebration of the town's glassmaking and locomotive-building heritage. But it is to be removed by Tesco when a revamp of the centre starts next year – and bosses have said it will not be returned to the site. Ideas for a new home for the clock are still awaited.

Bosses at Tesco said they had made a commitment to moving the clock but the new location would be decided by Dudley Council. Council officials have now admitted talks had not yet taken place to find an alternative location.

Discussions are to take place in the near future and officials say a suitable site will be found in the town.

But presently there are no firm plans in place and a timescale has not been drawn up for the installation.

The mechanical clock has a rotating feature which swings into action on the hour, featuring a miniature worker's parade followed by a model of the famous Stourbridge Lion train.

The original locomotive was built at the town's Foster and Rastrick foundry in Lowndes Road.

Dudley Council's, Councillor Angus Adams, said: "The clock is well-known in Stourbridge and is certainly something we would not want to lose."

"No talks have been held over where the clock would go. However we will be holding discussions soon. I am sure we will be able to find a suitable location."

A historic mosaic in the Crown Centre will also be removed while work takes place.

Tesco has agreed to restore it to the centre once the revamp has been completed.



Landscape designer Nigel Cox is seen with plans for the showpiece marketplace



Ben Lampitt and Graham Southall serving on Dave Flavall's Fruit and Veg Stall

Plans for a new £4.9m marketplace put on show

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Plans for Dudley's new £4.9 million showpiece marketplace have been met with mixed views from shoppers and stallholders – with even traders on the same stand disagreeing.

The new proposals, drafted after response from an earlier public consultation, have been extended to not only redevelop the market area but also to stretch along Castle Street up to the Earl of Dudley statue, opposite St Edmund's Church and there will be extra parking.

Also in the scheme are new footpaths, cycle parking, public art and lighting to highlight features such as the fountain, St Edmund's Church and the statues of Duncan Edwards and the Earl of Dudley.

The proposals – giving people options about which of the stall designs they prefer and asking for views on various aspects of the project – went on show for the first time in a special unit set up by Dudley Council next to the market last week.

Modern

Graham Southall, aged 47, customer assistant at Flavall's fruit and vegetable stall, who lives in Darby End Road, Netherton, said: "I don't want anything changed."

"The market is already modern – it's got a roof, hasn't it?"

But Mr Southall's colleague and supervisor, Ben Lampitt, aged 22, of Dudley Road, Rowley Regis, said: "I think it's a good idea – the town needs to attract more people by being made more appealing."

Keith Brown, aged 51, who had brought his Komat Keith martial arts stall to the market for the first time, said: "They're good plans because Dudley isn't as popular as it used to be and needs some work to bring people back."

Wendy Farmer, aged 56, of Horace Street, Hurst Hill, Coseley, who runs Wendy's baby stall, said: "What the council really needs to be doing is bringing back some of the old stores, like Marks & Spencer, which moved to Merry Hill."

Shopper Pamela Robinson, aged 55, of Corporation Road, Dudley, said: "I've shopped here all my life and we need something like this done for Dudley."

The display will return on November 16 until the 18th. The consultation runs until December 2.



The council's Claire Marshall talks with Arthur Ware



Wendy Farmer works at Wendy's Baby Stall



Keith Brown at his Komat Keith Stall

Public to have say on redevelopment

Plans to open up Halesowen town centre for developments including a major new department store and multiplex cinema will go out for public consultation at the start of next year. Millions of pounds of investment and the creation of hundreds of jobs is hoped for under the Halesowen Area Action Plan, drawn up by Dudley Council.

It contains proposals to knock down the "outdated" Cornbow Hall and the adjacent multi-storey car park and replace them with a department store and a new car park. A hotel and around 65,000 sq ft of new, smaller shops were also among the council's plan for the town, to be implemented by 2026.

The draft proposals will go out for a six-week public consultation in January, with council leaders hoping that the final product will be approved by July 2013.

Regeneration boss Councillor Angus Adams said: "Halesowen lacks entertainment facilities such as a cinema or bowling alley – the nearest cinema is either Quinton or Merry Hill." The action plan outlines nine potential areas for development in the town centre. Aside from the Cornbow Hall, one of the main sites is the Trinity Point office block.

Concert band in quest for players

Bewdley Concert Band is on the lookout for new musicians to swell the ranks. The group, which celebrated its first anniversary earlier this month, would especially like to hear from clarinet players.

To mark its milestone the band, which meets on Saturday mornings at Bewdley Primary School, held a concert at St Anne's Church.

Musical director Mr Ian Worton said: "It was an absolutely marvellous concert."

"The church was packed and the band played exceptionally well. It was a wonderful way to round off our first year which has been fantastic. The band has exceeded all my expectations this year."

"We really are now an established community band in Bewdley."

During the past year the Band has grown to 33 members of all ages and abilities. For more information contact band secretary Valerie Blount on 07813 769904.



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Anger at agency revelation

Land in a village near Kidderminster earmarked for a travellers site under controversial council plans is already owned by a Government agency with the news sparking fury among residents.

Cookley villagers are fighting plans to let travellers move into the old Lea Castle Hospital site.

The Homes and Communities Agency, which owns the land, is also responsible for the national guidelines for introducing more gipsy sites by 2022. Local people say there is a conflict of interest.

They are concerned that their views will not be taken into account during an ongoing consultation. Lea Castle is one of seven possible sites.

Resident Gill Hill said: "It doesn't seem right that the HCA is involved in the programme and handing out cash for new traveller sites, which would go towards a site they already own."

"Public money should not be used in this way."

Locals are planning to turn out to a public meeting staged by Wyre Forest District Council on the plans at Cookley Village Hall on Wednesday at 7pm. The consultation is due to run until November 18.

Remembrance parade date

Veterans of the armed forces will join the Mayor of Dudley for the traditional Remembrance Sunday parade and service.

The council is organising the event in Dudley on November 13 to honour those who gave their lives in conflict.

It includes a parade through the streets of the town from 10.35am, followed by a service and two-minute silence at the cenotaph in Ednam Road.

The parade from Vicar Street, will take in High Street, Stone Street, Priory Street, and Priory Road, and will then end at the cenotaph in Ednam Road.

Several road closures will be in place but alternative routes will be signposted from 8am to 1pm.

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Christmas gifts call

Businesses, schools and the public are being asked to donate a Christmas gift to help needy children in Dudley.

The Hope Trust and Dudley Council for Voluntary Service have been bringing smiles to the faces of disadvantaged children since 1998 via the Operation Santa appeal.

In 2010, more than 820 children received a Christmas treat from the

appeal. This year, the target is to reach more than 1,400 of Dudley's poorest children.

To achieve the target, the Hope Trust and Dudley Council for Voluntary Service is calling for gifts suitable for children aged from new born to 16 years. Gifts must be new or unused and still in original packaging.

For information contact 01384 573381.

Course on life saving

Swimmers can learn lifesaving skills with a nationally recognised training course taking place at the Crystal Leisure Centre, Stourbridge.

The Royal Life Saving Society national pool lifeguard course runs at the Dudley Council facility from 8am to 5.30pm between November 14 and 18 with an exam on November 19.

Participants will receive a course manual and special tuition and will

be required to take an exam at the end.

The course costs £235 and spaces must be pre-booked with a deposit of £50 paid to secure a place on the day of the swim test.

For more information or to provisionally book then contact Nikki Tranter on 01384 812800 or you can log on to the website at www.dudley.gov.uk/sport

Brother hit with a hammer

A man hit his brother three times on the head with a hammer because he always loses his temper with him, a court heard.

Stuart Johnson, aged 36, was at the house he shares with his mother, hanging a picture when the argument started.

Mr David Lees prosecuting told Wolverhampton Crown Court Stephen Johnson went to visit his mother in Corbett Crescent, Stourbridge and a fight broke out between the brothers.

Stephen Johnson was later taken to hospital where he needed 15 stitches in three head wounds and a cut to his hand where he had punched his brother.

He said the assault had left him feeling extremely nervous.

Stuart Johnson admitted that when he is with his brother he loses his temper, Mr Walter Bealy defending told the court.

"This is because of the violence he suffered at his hands," said Mr Bealy. "It is clear there is unfortunately a history between these two."

He said Stuart Johnson accepted his actions "went far beyond what might be constituted as self-defence".

Johnson admitted assaulting his brother causing actual bodily harm and he was given a nine-month jail term suspended for two years.

He was further placed on supervision for a year, ordered to carry out 100 hours community punishment and forbidden under a restraining order from having any contact with his brother.

Barn dance to raise funds

A fundraising barn dance has been organised for the Alzheimer's Society branch in Kingswinford.

Hagley resident Gaynor Butler has organised the event on November 11 in the hope of raising £500 for the cause.

Tickets are £7 for adults and £3.50 children, including entry into a raffle and are available from the Alzheimer's Society on 01384 295355.

Dancers are asked to bring their own food and drink to contribute to an American supper.

Community fundraiser Emma Dowler said: "As a charity, we rely on the generosity of individuals like Gaynor to help us continue our vital work," she said.

"Dementia is more than just memory loss – it robs people of their lives and has a devastating impact on families and loved ones."

Warehouse will stage concerts

A season of Jazz concerts will be held at the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, Stourbridge, featuring musicians from the region alongside national artists.

The next concert will take place on November 11 and will feature musician Simon Deeley and his trio. All of the shows are due to start at 7.30pm.

Tragic teenagers die after fall into canal

Tributes have been paid to two teenagers who died after they fell into a Black Country canal.

Mohammed Fayz Uddin, aged 18, of Smethwick, and 17-year-old Sara Rylance, of West Bromwich, are believed to have been boyfriend and girlfriend and their friends claim Sara attempted to rescue Fayz after he fell into the water.

The pair were pulled from the Birmingham canal in Smethwick by the emergency services on Wednesday night but later died in hospital. Flowers have been left at the scene, off Brasshouse Lane, as people gathered to pay their respects.

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Mohammed Fayz Uddin



Sara Rylance

Debate on gipsy plans

The threat of a proposed gipsy site in the grounds of a former hospital near Kidderminster would wipe £1.5 million off the value of nearby homes, it was claimed at a public meeting.

A former engineer at Lea Castle Hospital, Cookley, warned the land had miles of asbestos-lagged water pipes running under it.

Nearly 200 people were at the public meeting at Cookley Village Hall last week. Speakers against the proposals – for either 15 pitches for gipsies and travellers or a site for travelling showpeople at Lea Castle – included David Coultas, 90, of Ashley Road, Broadwaters Heath, Kidderminster.

The pensioner used to be an engineer at the hospital. He said the land contained miles of 18in water mains lagged with asbestos.

Gill Hill, of The Crescent, which adjoins the land, said: "There is asbestos underground – consider the people you are proposing to house on this site."

"Exposure to tunnels that may collapse and inhaling deadly asbestos fibres – are the children of gipsies less precious than ours?"

Mrs Hill won thunderous applause as she called for a vote of "no confidence" in Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet and district council for proposing the site.

Mike Parker, director of planning for Wyre Forest Council, said the district needed to plan to create a total of 43 extra pitches.

Sympathy

She said: "All the staff at the college extend our deepest sympathy to both families."

"It appears it was a tragic accident. We have put in place a support system for the pupils."

Shireland Collegiate Academy student Saif Aamer, who lives near Brasshouse Lane in Smethwick, said he had been friends with Fayz for many years.

"He was a good genuine lad with a good soul," he said. Friends of Sara also posted messages on Facebook. The site read: "We are so proud of you for trying to save the one you love. It takes great strength and courage. Well done baby girl. We all love and miss you so much."

Police surgery

A police surgery for people in Norton, Stourbridge will be held on November 12 at the Mary Stevens Park Healthy Hub, 11am to 1pm.

It's turned out nice again for star Frank



Malcolm Palmer with the Stourbridge branch of the George Formby Society at the Summerhouse, Kingswinford

A group of George Formby fans from the Black Country have shared their love of the banjo and ukelele-playing performer with comic Frank Skinner for a television documentary.

The Stourbridge branch of the George Formby Society visited its national convention in Blackpool for a BBC programme on the popular entertainer.

Members got to chat with Frank and talk about their love for the entertainer.

Chairman Malcolm Palmer formed the branch 20 years ago and organises its monthly meetings at the Summer House in Kingswinford, which attract fans of all ages.

Mr Palmer, aged 75, said they were surprised to see Skinner and a camera crew turn up while they were at the event at Blackpool's Imperial Hotel. He spent the weekend with more than 600 fanatics that turned out to the event, playing songs and sharing memories. Mr Palmer, a former test engineer at Wolverhampton firm Contractor Switchgear, said: "Frank was a good guy, he was very down to earth and it is great to see someone who is Black Country born and bred do so



Frank Skinner with Malcolm Palmer

well. I told him that George's brother Frank is buried in Handsword cemetery in Birmingham, which he was amazed about." Skinner said: "As long as ukeleles exist people will come to George Formby conventions."

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Bomb scare at new Tesco

Police sealed off part of a car park at Dudley's new Tesco supermarket and called in a bomb disposal unit after a suspect package was found near to a car.

Officers descended on the superstore at Burnt Tree Island after a briefcase was spotted on the outdoor parking area at around 4pm on October 26.

A 50-metre area was cordoned off and officers called in experts to

assess the situation. Two bomb disposal vans arrived at the supermarket around 5.45pm and a controlled detonation of the briefcase was carried out around 6pm as a precaution.

Later investigation found the case to contain only papers.

Visitors who had vehicles parked within the closed off area were taken to the staff canteen to await word of what was happen-

ing. The supermarket remained open throughout the scare and no-one was evacuated.

A spokesman for the store said: "The package was discovered at around 4pm and police were called. We found the owner of the car nearest where the briefcase was found and they confirmed it did not belong to them."

"Our main concern in this has been the safety of the public."

Motown fundraiser

Two sisters have raised nearly £4,000 for a Black Country hospice with a Motown night in memory of their father who died from cancer.

Samantha and Nikki Harvey said their father Lee's love for the music had inspired them to organise the event at the Kingfisher Country Club, Kidderminster Road, Wall Heath.

A total of £3,825 was raised through ticket sales and donations

for Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge, where he was cared for before he died aged 50. Mr Harvey, of Lower Gornal, had been playing golf when he felt pain in his knee. Tests later confirmed he had a developed sarcoma, a rare form of cancer, and it had spread to his back and stomach.

His daughters wanted to thank staff and volunteers at Mary Stevens Hospice for their care.

Hospital parking permit plans are put on hold

Controversial plans to issue parking passes to hundreds of workers at a Black Country hospital have been put on hold.

The permit scheme was first unveiled to coincide with the opening of a new £6 million staff car park at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley in December last year.

More than 3,000 workers applied for a pass and hospital bosses had been due to make a final decision on the number of available permits in July but have yet to make an announcement.

They said there were no plans to make any changes to the current system, where parking spaces are available on a first come, first served basis, at the moment.

Chief executive Paula Clark said they had been testing out other systems including a car park specifically for staff making frequent visits to the site.

Unison regional organiser Tracey Wood said she believed plans to introduce car park passes had been put on hold.

"We've not heard anything about the passes for a while and at the moment everybody who wants to park can use the car parks."

She added that there had not been any problems with parking at the site during the past few months.

Spaces

Ms Clark said: "The staff car parking scheme at Russells Hall Hospital and other trust sites continues to be developed."

"We have made the barrier system more robust and successfully tested out a car park specifically for staff who require spaces during frequent visits to and from the site."

Bosses are also working on a planning application in a bid to create up to 50 more spaces on the site.

The number of applications for permits far exceeded the number of spaces at the Russells Hall and Guest hospitals in Dudley and the Corbett in Stourbridge. In July it was revealed that 800 workers had appealed after being refused a parking permit at the sites.

Hospital bosses say they have been forced to restrict parking spaces to one for every four workers due to council regulations when it applied for planning permission to build the new multi-storey in 2008.

Each application was judged on a number of criteria including how far workers lived from the site and how often they needed to use their car during the course of the working day. Priority was also given to on-call workers, shift workers, permanent night workers and disabled staff.

Youngsters shape look of magazine

Young people in Wyre Forest have helped to shape the look of a new magazine about personal safety.

The Stay Safe magazine will be launched on November 24 by the police during a presentation evening at Baxter College, Kidderminster.

For the first edition 5,000 copies are being distributed in local high schools and youth centres.

It will also be available on Wyre Forest Youth Inclusion's Facebook page and on the West Mercia Police website at www.westmercia.police.uk

The magazine will include some articles written by youngsters on themes such as relationships, peer pressure, bereavement and bullying.

Other topics in the 14-page, A4 glossy magazine will include internet safety, racism issues, building site safety, drug and alcohol abuse, and sexual health. Advice and guidance will be provided along with a list of useful contacts.

The magazine is being funded by Barnado's, the ContinU Trust, Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership and Thomas Vale Construction.

Brewing up charity cash

Cupcakes and balloons were the order of the day at a fundraising coffee morning organised by staff at a Stourbridge supermarket.

Workers at the Ambleside Sainsbury's store were helped to generate cash for St Agatha's Trust - Breast Care Services at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley.

They raised a total of £150 through donations at the coffee morning on October 13.

Special reunion for 600

More than 600 people who have attended courses to help them learn how to live with long-term health conditions are being invited to a special reunion.

The event, organised by NHS Dudley, will be part of "Supporting Self Care Week" from November 14 to 20.

People who have attended NHS Dudley's Expert Patients Programme (EPP) courses over the last 18 months are being invited to the reunion at 2pm on November 15 at the David Lloyd gym in Pensnett.

Local NHS, council, voluntary and community organisations will be attending to provide health related information, stalls, demonstrations, talks and activities, including stop smoking services.

EPP is a free training programme commissioned by Dudley Public Health which aims to improve quality of lives by developing the confidence and motivation of people to use their own skills and knowledge to take control over a long term health condition.

It provides opportunities to people who live with a long-term illness, and their carers, to meet other people with similar conditions and develop new skills and support networks. Dudley EPP delivers regular courses across the borough throughout the year.

Two men rob teen

A teenager was robbed and assaulted as he walked through an alleyway in the Withymoor area of Brierley Hill, police have said.

The 16-year-old was attacked near Warner Drive and Plants Hollow by two men who hit him with metal object, thought to be an iron bar.

They stole his wallet, an Adidas rucksack, iPod and glasses. The robbery happened at around 10.55pm on October 20.

Anyone with information should call Dudley CID on 0345 113 5000.

Young adults at home for elderly spark row

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A row has broken out over the future of a Black Country care home that has been looking after young adults without planning permission for eight years.

Under planning laws the Safe Harbour Centre in Hagley Road, Stourbridge is only allowed to operate for the elderly.

But it has been caring for young adults with autism for the last eight years - sparking controversy among local residents. Now Dudley Council chiefs are set to approve an application to let them stay at the home - despite protests.

Locals claim the home in its current use creates much more noise and traffic than if it was just a residential premises for the elderly. A 103-name petition has been collected and 44 letters sent to the council opposing the plans - but a 287-name petition in support has also been received.

Complaints collected in a report by the council include: "It was irresponsible of the applicant to begin operating without checking the relevant planning restrictions, and: "The noise and disturbance affects the occupiers of neighbouring properties to an unacceptable level."

Planning applications which are lodged with the council

Planning applications submitted to Dudley Council over the last week include:

Royal Hotel, Castle Street, Coleseye, display of non-illuminated wall mounted sign (retrospective).

Summerhill Road, Coleseye, two-storey side/rear and single-storey front and rear extension.

Oakham Road, Dudley, erection of wooden fencing to side of patio area to replace original screening.

Land to rear of Envile Road, Wall Heath, substitution of house type.

Suffolk Drive, Brierley Hill, two-storey side extension.

Ostler Close, Wall Heath, first floor side/rear extension.

Black 10, Narrowboat Way, Netherton, Dudley, elevational changes including doors, windows, new canopy and air conditioning unit.

Land between Clinch Drive and

Stourbridge MP Margot James has got behind the home, saying: "I do appreciate the concerns that the residents have raised around parking problems, noise and concerns about the behaviour of some of the residents, however it does appear that Safe Harbour has been operating with few problems during the past eight years."

Dudley Council's Development Control Committee will discuss the application to vary the premises' conditions at a meeting on Monday, after it was recommended for approval by officers.

Void

In 2001 Dudley planners granted a change of use for a house for six adults with learning difficulties but the permission was never implemented and became void.

The current planning permission for the building dates back to a Planning Inspectorate decision in 1986, which imposes a condition that "The premises will be used as a home for elderly persons and for no other purpose."

Safe Harbour owner, Geoff Copeland, says he took over the property five years ago believing the correct permissions were in place, and only became aware of the ruling earlier this year.

Jackson Street, Lye, erection of two dwellings.

St Peters Road, Netherton, Dudley, lower kerb for vehicular access.

St James's Road, Dudley, rear conservatory.

Whitefriars Drive, Halesowen, prune one sycamore tree.

Land to the rear of Ruilton Street, Lower Gornal, erection of one dwelling.

Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, variation of condition of planning approval to increase opening hours.

Spills Meadow, Kent Street, Dudley, display of non-illuminated wall mounted sign (retrospective).

Prospect House, Victoria Road, Halesowen, extension of time of previously approved application for single storey extension to create warehouse and storage space, and first floor extension for office accommodation.

It's hip to raise cash



Belly dancers with, front from left, tutor Diane Gibbons and organiser Linda Ellis ready to raise cash for the Macular Disease Society

Belly dancers are preparing to shake their booty and raise funds for a national charity.

The group, meeting for three years, hopes to generate cash for the Macular Disease Society, when it performs at a show next month.

The fundraiser will take place at the Halesowen Members Club, Hagley Road, November 4 from 7pm.

Tickets cost £2.50, with all the proceeds going to the charity, which supports people with

macular disease - the biggest cause of sight loss in the country. Members of the group will be dancing and teaching some of the moves to the audience.

Along with the dancing the evening will include a raffle, with the main prize being a commissioned painting by Halesowen author and artist Bryan Connor. To book a ticket for the event or for more information on the belly dancing group call organiser Linda Ellis on 0797 6613288.

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Hospital meeting over food

Patients are being asked for their help in revamping hospital food in Dudley after bosses received complaints from people staying on wards.

Bosses at Russells Hall Hospital want people who have spent time at the site to have their say on the variety of meals.

Chief executive Paula Clark said some people had responded to a survey about food by saying they had not enjoyed it, prompting bosses to take action. A patient panel has been set up to get feedback from opinions on the food service.

"Our surveys tell us that hospital food is something that splits our patients' views, with some rating the food highly and some saying that they don't enjoy it. Gaining patients' direct experiences of their impatient mealtimes will help us to improve," said Ms Clark.

Figures revealed by the NHS last month showed that thousands of uneaten meals at the hospital were being sent back but the number was fewer than at other sites in the Midlands.

Five per cent of all meals served up at Russells Hall were sent back to the kitchens by patients.

The hospital was one of the best performing NHS trusts in the region and spends just £4.78 on meals per patient per day. Other hospitals saw as many as one in 10 meals going back.

The discussion session on food will take place on today, November 3 at 2pm. It is open to anyone who has been an inpatient, or carer of an inpatient, within the last 12 months.

It will be the first event of a series at Russells Hall and others will cover topics such as medications, accessibility and carers. Anyone wishing to take part should register by contacting Mandy Green on 01384 244404 or emailing mandy.green@dgh.nhs.uk

Ring and Ride fares set at 60p

Fares for Ring and Ride services across the West Midlands have been set at 60p for the next year.

At a recent meeting of transport authority Centro, bosses have agreed to keep the same fee for each Ring and Ride journey.

They rejected the option of introducing a one-off annual charge of £36, instead of paying each time, which would have cost an estimated £32,000 a year to implement.

Centro chairman Councillor Angus Adams vowed that there were no plans for the fare to increase.

"We feel that 60p is the right charge for this service, and there is no intention at this time to increase that," he said.

"It's about making the service more efficient, and lessen the burden on the taxpayer."

Performers sought

Organisers of the Three Kings Parade in Stourport are looking for people to take part in the event. The Christmas lights will be switched on after the parade through the town on November 25. Buskers and street entertainers are needed to work from 4pm until 8pm. For information on how to take part call 01299 826930.

Ballot on strike action

Ambulance staff across the Midlands will vote on whether to join a one-day strike protesting against changes to public sector pensions.

Health service staff, ambulance workers, police and council staff in the region are being balloted by unions over whether to join a national strike on November 30. Regional secretary for Unison, Ravi Subramanian, vowed that patients' lives would not

be put at risk if ambulance staff did agree to strike. "Even if we get a 'yes' vote, life and limb cover will still be there – emergency 999 calls will still be responded to," he said. "It will only be day-to-day things like patient transfers which will be affected. Lives will absolutely not be put at risk."

He said it was potentially the biggest strike in the union's history. The ballot closing date is November 3.

New scooters at centre

Three new mobility scooters designed to tackle all terrains have been launched at a Wyre Forest beauty spot to help disabled and less mobile visitors get around.

The scooters are now available at the Discovery Centre at Callow Hill, near Bewdley, and have been fitted with stylish LED headlights and a chrome-plated bullbar. And to promote the new vehicles, a spoof Top Gear

video has been created with mystery driver The Stick testing out the scooters, posted on the Wyre Forest channel on YouTube.

Spokesman Chris Mansell said the electric-powered carts were limited to top speeds of four mph. He added: "I would urge people to check out the video to see how well they handle the forest environment." See the video at www.growwithwyre.org

Rally on station merger

Campaigners fighting controversial plans to merge Halesowen and Cradley Heath fire stations and axe one 24-hour crew will take their fight to the streets for a rally.

They are calling for West Midlands Fire Service to rethink its plans to merge the two bases before a final decision on the future of the stations is made next month.

Moves to combine the sites were first agreed two years ago, but the proposals were put on hold following a series of objections which were expressed by members of the public.

Fire chiefs have now revised the plans due to uncertainty over government funding cuts. They are now looking to axe one of the two 24-hour crews.

Campaigners launched a petition to stop the merger and will be hitting the streets of Halesowen from 11am on November 5 to hand out window posters and flyers.

Organiser Tony Barnsley, of Cherry Tree Lane, said: "We are hoping to have at least 100 people on November 5. 'The main concern is the impact it will have on response times. We know how important it is for the fire service to respond as quickly as possible.'"

Bosses will determine whether to axe a crew when they meet on November 28.

Firefighters are expected to be based in either the present Cradley Heath fire station or a new base. In 2010-11, Halesowen attended about 535 incidents, while Cradley Heath firefighters went out to about 1,000.

Festive boat trip to Santa

Festive boat trips ending with a visit to Father Christmas in his grotto will be staged in the Black Country.

Families will be able to take a cruise along the Stourbridge Town Canal starting at the Bonded Warehouse, Canal Street, Stourbridge, on December 11.

The Santa Boat Trips have been organised by Stourbridge Navigation Trust and will also be held on Saturday December 17, Sunday 18 and Friday 23. Each trip takes around 20 minutes before returning to the Bonded Warehouse for youngsters to visit Santa. Tickets cost £7. For more details call the Navigation Trust 01384 395216.

Police website for youngsters

West Mercia Police has launched a new Facebook page which is aimed at keeping youngsters in the Wyre Forest district up-to-date on events and to pass on any safety messages.

The website has been set up by members of the Wyre Forest Youth Inclusion Team and it contains information on all campaigns aimed at the youngsters living in the community.

The Facebook page can be accessed by www.facebook.com/wyreforestyouth and can be followed by registering as a "like" rather than a "friend".

Fears for child centres as funding is slashed

Funding for children's centres across a Black Country borough is being slashed by more than 10 per cent – a total of £750,000 – with further cuts expected next year. The borough's 21 Sure Start centres have seen Government funding cut and fear services could be under threat in the long term.

However council chiefs insist there are no plans to close centres in the future and Dudley North MP Ian Austin has written to David Cameron demanding that he ensures there is enough funding for the centres to survive.

The Sure Start grant the council received for 2011/12 was £5.85m compared to £6.6m in 2010/11.

Mr Austin claims the council is facing a £241,000 reduction next year – but the authority said a detailed budget has not yet been drawn up.

Across the country 83 per cent of councils are being forced to slash budgets due to cuts in the grant from central government, and 89 per cent will do so next year.

A minimum of 47 Centres across England have closed or are earmarked for closure by April 2012.

Mr Austin said: "David Cameron has no idea what it's like for local families who are getting hit from all angles by his government."

Vital

"Jobs are under threat, household budgets are being squeezed and vital services are being lost and watered down. Sure Start Children's Centres are a vital part of the community."

"In Dudley, centres like the ones at Kates Hill, Wrens Nest and Gornal do a brilliant job in enabling parents and carers to access quality childcare and many other services which support them in bringing up their child."

Dudley Council Leader Councillor Les Jones said: "We have worked with the available funding to ensure that the service continues and that no centres have been closed. There are no plans to close any centres in the future as we are committed to supporting families across the borough."

He added that a detailed budget had not yet been drawn up for next year so an exact funding figure was not known.

The debts relate to the Lower High Street club, which he has run for four years, and a neighbouring fitness centre he used to manage.

Rose told District Judge Graham Wilkinson he also owes £7,000 water bills and had not made any personal profit from the business in recent years. But the judge ruled he had shown "culpable neglect" in paying his rates and told him: "I am not necessarily convinced by your claim to effectively be penniless."

Judge Wilkinson committed him to 90 days in prison but suspended the sentence for three weeks. He added: "This is your last chance before I send you into custody."

Rose said: "I have buried my head in the sand and I did not realise my financial problems had got so bad."

Singers fly flag for forces



Songwriter John Wooldridge and singer Vicky Elise

A songwriter and young singer from the Black Country have joined forces to record a tribute to the armed forces.

Retired probation officer John Wooldridge, of Coseley, who penned the words earlier this year had appealed for singers to perform the verses.

He was contacted by 17-year-old Vicky Elise, of Netherton, and the duo have now recorded his song For Queen and Country.

They have produced a CD and the

song is also available to buy on iTunes. Grandfather Wooldridge, aged 65, said: "We are hoping to have it played on local and national radio quite soon."

"I am also very proud to say my song will be performed by the Orpheus Male Voice Choir of Wolverhampton at the Remembrance service at the Wulfrun Hall Wolverhampton on November 6. The choir will record the song at a later date and it is also being considered by RAF Cosford band."

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£4.5m to give town and zoo a kickstart

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A £4.5million grant to kickstart the long-awaited Castle Hill regeneration project, including money to revamp Dudley Zoo's ageing entrance, has been approved by finance bosses in Europe.

The money from the European Regional Development Fund will be used to create a joint access to Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust from Tipton Road and a new arrival centre, among a number of other projects.



Peter Suddock

The zoo will get a £1.2million slice of the grant. A new medieval-themed animal attraction will be created, the penguin enclosure remodelled and the crumbling entrance, which dates back to the 1930s, overhauled.

Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said the work would complement a separate £1.15million scheme to restore four of the zoo's iconic Tecton buildings. "This is wonderful news. This funding shows how important the site and tourism are to the region," he said.

"The programme will create easier access from the motorway, which will relieve traffic problems, and transform a derelict site into a new car park."

Regeneration

The £4.5million funding has been matched by Dudley Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Dudley Zoo, to make a £10million pot getting the five-year Castle Hill regeneration scheme off the ground.

The scheme is designed to double visitor numbers at the three attractions to one million a year and boost the town's ailing economy.

Dudley Council leader Les Jones said it was now "full steam ahead" for the project.

"It's absolutely fantastic. Now the funding is in place we can get started," he said.

Regeneration boss Councillor Angus Adams said he was delighted. He added: "This is part of a huge plan for Dudley, which has been rather neglected in the past."

"It's a very exciting time for us. It's fantastic to get such a big cash injection into the town."

He said work was expected to get under way in four to six weeks.

The work is part of a wider £46million scheme for the Castle Hill area, which also includes the £6million new Dudley and Sandwell archives building in Tipton Road.

Government minister Baroness Joan Hanham, who will be managing the money, said the loss of traditional Black Country manufacturing firms over the past few decades had hit Dudley hard.

"Through this project we have the opportunity to help address this issue, increase visitor numbers at key attractions and revitalise the area," she said.

Shoppers help out homeless



Heaven's Kitchen founder Jeanette Jones and Tesco Burnt Tree store manager Steve Goswell with some of the food donated by customers

More than £200 of food was collected from generous shoppers at a Dudley supermarket which will go to help stock a soup kitchen which serves up to 50 homeless people a week.

Volunteers who run the Heaven's Kitchen visited the new Tesco Extra at Burnt Tree, Dudley, last week and set up camp near one of the entrances appealing to customers to donate a tin or two. Heaven's Kitchen, based at the Dudley Christian Fellowship centre in Salop Street, Dudley, was set up in 2007 by husband and wife Malcolm and Jeanette Jones.

Mrs Jones said the event had been "very successful". "We got a whole large trolley full of donations - it was at least £200, probably a lot more," said Mrs Jones, aged 50. The soup kitchen is run every Monday at the centre.

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Travel smartcards to be tested

A £14million scheme to introduce Smartcards on buses, trains and the Midland Metro will be in place by March 2013 if a 12-month pilot next year proves successful.

Transport authority Centro says it is working with train provider London Midland, and plans to work with others serving the region including Virgin and Chiltern Railways, to introduce the new pre-pay travel pass. It may also be extended to the Ring and Ride Service.

Centro chairman councillor Angus Adams said the system would mirror the Oyster scheme in London, where

an amount is automatically deducted from the card every time they swipe it, up to the maximum amount equivalent to a Daysaver ticket.

"It means you will be able to top-up online, or over the phone, instead of having to worry about paying for tickets every time you board whichever transport you are taking," he said.

"It will work on all matters of transport to make getting around the region much simpler for everyone."

"The trial is necessary as there will always be kinks to work out with this kind of technology, but we are keen to

get it up and running as soon as possible."

An initial trial will be launched on a small number of bus routes in Solihull in November, before being rolled out to the Black Country, Birmingham and the rest of the West Midlands for an extended 12-month pilot starting in March.

London Midland is currently trialling a similar system on its route between Worcester and Kidderminster, with Centro hoping to join forces with them, and Councillor Adams said talks with other operators were on the cards as well.

Garden centre is planned

A garden centre on land in Kingswinford is being planned. Mental health charity Dudley Mind owns a site next to The Kingswinford pub on the Dudley Road and is aiming to transform it.

It wants to create a garden centre, a cafe and other facilities. The scheme was officially launched at a meeting of Dudley Mind which was held at The Kingswinford Beefeater pub.

Organisers say there was a "good turnout" with those who went along able to enjoy several stands demonstrating '5 Ways to Wellbeing', as well as the display for the Horticultural Project.

This showed the artist's impression of the proposals and other information about the project.

Speaker Richard Billingsley gave a talk on the benefits and uses horticultural involvement have for everyone, particularly those who have mental health issues.

The charity is based at The Mary Stevens Centre in Oldswinford, Stourbridge.

Renovation work on steam engine

Work has started on a £40,000 facelift of a replica 18th century steam engine central to the Black Country's industrial heritage.

A new viewing platform is being built to give visitors to the Black Country Living Museum a closer look at how it works.

The replica is of industrialist Thomas Newcomen's 1712 engine and has been on display at the attraction at Dudley for 25 years.

It has been shut to visitors since August for the renovation project which will give people a better view of the water being pumped from the well into the culvert.

Workers are repairing brickwork as the first phase of the work gets under way. The oak head frame will be replaced, which will be the component visitors will notice.

Janet Small, curator of industry and transport at the BCLM said: "It has attracted a huge amount of interest over the last 25 years from all our visitors and it is often the first building which they notice on site. Over the winter, work will be done to make sure that it is fit to operate for the future."



Worker Tony Parton starts restoration work on the Newcomen steam engine at the museum

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Honours now for unsung heroes

UNsung heroes were honoured at Dudley's biggest celebration for volunteers with winners from across the borough scooping top awards.

More than 250 people packed into Brierley Hill Civic Hall for the eighth annual event hosted by voluntary sector support charity Dudley CVS.

Scores of volunteers received special accolades last Thursday: 38 collected certificates for the

time they dedicate to local causes and their communities and a further 21 awards, including 13 unique glass trophies designed by students of Glasshouse College, were also presented by the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans and Dudley CVS chairman Mike Abrahams.

Guest speakers included police chief superintendent Keith Baldwin, Dudley Council

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executive John Polychronakis and director of Dudley community partnership Dennis Hodson.

Stourbridge gained much recognition with this year's young volunteer award going to 17-year-old Laura McCutcheon, who works with Barnardo's Time 4 Me project providing activities and holidays for children whose parents are affected by alcohol and substance

misuse. So busy is Laura that she could not attend the ceremony – she was representing the West Midlands at another awards night in London.

The team from Stourbridge's Side by Side Theatre Company bagged an inspiration award for support of actors with learning disabilities, who wowed the packed hall with two special performances during the ceremony.

Stourbridge resident Peter Miles was awarded a good neighbour award for the care he offers to his own neighbours while 24-year-old Sarah Freeman, who set up her own social enterprise delivering meals on wheels to the elderly, was also recognised.

Karen Wilcox received an award in the health and wellbeing section following her support of people with learning disabilities at Camphill Houses in Stourbridge.

Dudley winners included resident John Knight, the longest serving volunteer at St Thomas's community network furniture store where he has dedicated more than 20 years.

Woodsetton couple Ken and Tracy McClymont, both visually impaired, were rewarded for their support to others living locally and suffering with a disability.

Library

Other winners were volunteers from Phoenix Toy Library, in the south of Dudley; 21-year-old Qasim Mughal who works with young people at Dudley Central Mosque and Gornal community worker Terry Potter who volunteers as a kitchen helper at Wrens Nest.

Halesowen was also bursting with pride when resident Ruby Homer was highly commended alongside volunteers of The Hope Centre who were given a safe and sound accolade for their support to vulnerable people living in the town.

Maggie Molynaux received the children and families award recognising the two decades she has dedicated to Girlguiding



Award winners gather for the big night at Brierley Hill Civic Hall

UK. Two sporting champions from Halesowen clubs were honoured – Reg Rogers, of Kidderminster, who has dedicated 50 years to the Old Halesonians Hockey Club and Mick Mielczarek, of Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club, who spends 80 hours a week to coaching young people.

The environmental achievement award went to the friends of Huntingtree Park for improvements to the area and work with local schools.

Highly commended lifelong volunteers were Gurcharan Bedi, of Brierley Hill, for his work for local cancer charities and Norma Chapman, of Halesowen for her support to her neighbours on the Tanhouse Estate.

The winner of the Gordon Lindsay award for lifelong service went to Doreen Collins, of Brierley Hill, who has given years of her time to servicemen, St John Ambulance and Parkinson's UK Dudley group. She joined the Mayor to cut a celebration cake before settling down for a special dinner and big band entertainment from the Thorns Community Music Group.



Sue Wallin, front right, of Side by Side



Award time for Peter Miles



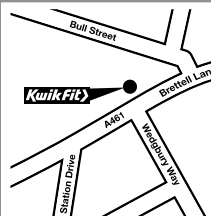
A smiling Karen Wilcox receives her award

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Have your say over major town revamp

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Shoppers and traders will have their say on multi-million pound plans to revamp the town centre at a series of consultations.

Dudley Council have revealed a revised scheme which will see the original £6million plans to overhaul the market place extended to include Castle Street and the Earl of Dudley statue.

Extra parking and new footpaths will be created to make the town more attractive. The scheme still includes the relocation of the Duncan Edwards statue and to bring the fountain back into use, by introducing lighting to highlight its features.

More than 600 people took part in an earlier consultation where they were asked for their views on plans for the layout of the market stalls.

They will now have the chance to view traditional and modern designs for the stalls and give feedback on the choice of paving, seating and lighting being proposed.

Confident

Councillor Angus Adams said: "We have taken on board what people told us from the initial consultation and we are confident with what we are proposing during this next stage."

Alan Caswell, who runs the Arcade Toy Shop in the nearby Fountain Arcade, welcomed the plans for new parking spaces but said he still wasn't convinced about the need for a new look. "It's fine the way it is. I don't see the need to change it when it means spending so much money," he said.

Plans will be on display by the fountain from November 16 to 18.

Public art will feature in the overall scheme and examples can be viewed at the consultation events.

A special lighting display will take place on November 23 at 5.30pm, where people can see examples of special features being lit up.

Questionnaires can be completed on the council's website before December 2.

Region's top talent grabbing limelight

Performers from across the Midlands grabbed the limelight during a glittering awards ceremony celebrating the top talent from around the region.

Six acts won awards from the Mid-Counties Entertainment Council and took to the stage to belt out hit music and songs spanning the generations.

All 220 tickets to the event at Parkes Hall Social Club in Woodsetton had sold out within two days of them being available.

Mid-Counties secretary Malcolm Edwards said: "In my view we've got the best entertainers in the country."

The evening kicked off with Johanna Rose, 44, of Telford, who was named Best Female.

Best Vocal Entertainer went to Dave Stevens, 46, of Rowley Regis, who moved some of the audience to tears by dedicating Dean Martin's song My Woman, My Woman, My Wife to his wife Marie, who is suffering from breast cancer.

The youngest act of the evening was 18-year-old Laura Jayne, of Wednesbury, who only started singing in local clubs in March this year.

The trio Beyond Words celebrated winning Best Band for the second year running.

Married couple John and Kay Davis, of Tividale and Bimal Jangra,



The Mid-Counties Club Awards night took place at Parkes Hall Social Club, Dudley. Back from left is John Davis, Dave Stevens, Kay Davis, Bimal Jangra, Stephen Cadman, Karen Bourne and Jonathan Jones with front from left Laura Jayne, Dean Whittle and Linzi Kesterton.

of Derby have been a group for nine years.

Lorry driver Jonathan Jones had to wait 16 years for his Best Male Vocalist award.

The father-of-two, aged 40, of Wilenhall, now performs on stage three times a week.

The evening ended with Best Duo winners 2Xtreme, engaged couple Stephen Cadman, 30, and Linzi Kesterton, 26, of Tipton, performed their version of the hit Thriller in a tribute to the late king of pop Michael Jackson.

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Mystery over £200,000 club sale

A Black Country nightclub which has been closed for more than 10 years has been sold at auction for more than double the guide price.

Fusion in Dudley has been shut for 12 years and was in the auction with a guide price of £100,000.

But it sold for £210,000 to a mystery buyer following a bidding war at Villa Park.

Estate agents Cottons have refused to reveal any details of the winning bidder.

It is believed three interested parties were vying for the club.

The boarded up club in Martin Hill Street has had a controversial past, having been at the centre of a row over a free drinks promotion before it closed.

It introduced a free bar for an hour each Saturday night causing admissions to increase from 300 to more than 1,000 in just four weeks but the promotion sparked complaints from the police.

And it hit the headlines again in 1999 after a Cradley Heath reveller had part of her finger bitten off during a row with another clubber.

Shortly afterwards, the nightclub closed due to financial reasons and has never reopened although a new licence was granted for the premises in 2005.

The nightclub, formerly called Goldsmiths opened in 1987.

It later became known as Fusion following a £1million revamp in 1997.

Disability art is put on display

A new exhibition is now on display at Lye library profiling the work of local people with learning disabilities.

The Apna Group took part in arts workshops at the Artspace project in Brierley Hill.

Their handwork is now on show and includes paintings, masks and photography.

The Apna Group is for people with learning disabilities from ethnic minority communities in Dudley.

They meet regularly at their base in Lye and take part in activities in the borough.

Councillor Adrian Turner, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, said: "I'm very pleased that members of the group took part in the Artspace workshops and I'm delighted that their work is now on display."

"I would encourage local people to go along and see what the group have produced and take the opportunity to see what else is on offer at their local library."

For further information about the Apna Group contact Tariq Khaliq on 01384 422522.

Award given for hospice work



John Woodall, left, receives the Building Blocks award from Councillor Les Jones

Staff and volunteers at Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice have been presented with an award for good practice.

The charity has been recognised under a new training scheme run by the Dudley Council for Voluntary Services (Dudley CVS).

The Building Blocks programme covered areas such as business planning, tendering for contracts and networking.

An award was presented to the chairman and trustees at the hospice by Dudley Council leader Les Jones.

Hospice trustee John Woodall said he was pleased to receive the award.

"Mary Stevens Hospice recognises its current high standing within the field of palliative care provision but is always looking to improve," he said.

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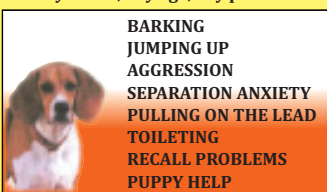
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Campaign stepped up to stop 'rat-run'

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A campaign has been stepped up to secure measures to stop drivers from using a Black Country road as a rat-run after residents demanded action.

People living on Oakham Road, Dudley, have been battling for restrictions along the route for years and had hoped work was due to start soon.

However, now they fear Dudley Council will scrap any plans for the scheme after a reduction in traffic following the completion of work at nearby Burnt Tree Island, which saw traffic lights replace a roundabout.

Residents and councillors say heavy traffic is still a problem along the route and measures still desperately need to be put in place at the location.

Councillor Shaikat Ali, who has taken on the campaign on behalf of residents, said several meetings had already been held with council officials about the scheme.

Measures

He said the fight would continue to get changes along the route and there were measures which the council could put in place straight away, such as speed reduction signs.

Others, like crossing points and improvements to junctions, could be timetabled at a later date, he added.

"The point is some action is needed along this route and soon," he said. "People have been campaigning for a long time and we have to ensure measures along this road are a high priority for the council."

"I am not saying all of the work needs to be done at once but some action could be taken immediately and we have to ensure that it happens."

Householders claim traffic is so heavy at peak times they are unable to get off their drives.

They say journeys of just 10 minutes can take nearly an hour for them or visitors to complete.

Previous attempts to get speed cameras, crossings and traffic lights to deter drivers failed when Sandwell Council, which covers part of the route, said it was not a priority.

Councillor Patrick Harley, of Dudley Council, said a survey of the road was being carried out.

Youngsters in the pink



At the Pink Day for Breast Cancer are, from left, Michelle Redding, Jan Redding, Maryanne Jackson and Louise Porter with playgroup children

Pink was the colour of the day at a school in Coseley.

Staff and playgroup youngsters at Hurst Hill Primary dressed in pink and baked pink cupcakes to raise money for the Breast Cancer Campaign.

Secretary Sue Brown said: "We do something every year for the Breast Cancer Campaign."

Mrs Brown added the cupcakes were sold for £1. Staff are still

counting up the donations from the event. Last year more than £100 was raised for the charity.

The school raised £109 during the week by holding a harvest raffle.

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AMERICAN pop star Joe Jonas didn't miss his brothers, having put down his guitar and brushed up his dance moves for a hunky new image and smooth R'n'B sound unveiled at the LG.

The Jonas Brothers may only be on the back burner but Joe seems to have comfortably taken a Justin Timberlake template for his solo career.

He showcased his debut album Fastlane and got the Britney fans on their feet with a killer cover of Chris Brown dance anthem Beautiful People before ending his six-song set with mid-tempo power ballad See Me More. He left the crowd wanting more.

Britney Spears' prime place in the pop firmament may have been taken by new

**Britney Spears, Joe Jonas,
LG Arena, Birmingham**

stars Lady Gaga and Rihanna, but the Femme Fatale certainly put on a spectacular show. A 90-minute aerobic workout in a succession of skimpy bikini-like outfits, she danced practically non-stop. Sometimes the 29-year-old American's moves looked puppet-like compared with her troupe of acrobatic dancers. The lack of a single wheeze or pant suggested lip-syncing during the most energetic numbers. However, it is hard to tell with Britney's brilliant brand of high-concept artificial dance-pop in which vocal effects, gimmicks and grooves are equally important (maybe more important) than melody.

Highlights included the Egyptian glamour of Gimme More, biker chick Britney rejoining Baby One More Time with heavy guitar, following it with Rihanna's S&M and the kinkier I'm A Slave 4 U. There was a Japanese-themed Toxic complete with ninjas, high energy performances of Piece of Me, Drop Dead Beautiful, I Wanna Go, Womanizer and the angel-winged Britney's grand finale Till The World Ends.

Maybe Ashley, picked out of the crowd for a personal pole dance, liked the bump and grind, but it would have been a more substantial show if Britney had delivered more like ballad Don't Let Me Be The Last To Know when she showed she can sing.

Leon Burakowski

**Laura Marling
Birmingham Cathedral**

THERE is something ethereal almost spiritual about petite folk singer Laura Marling, so it's appropriate her Ring the Bells tour was played in cathedrals up and down the country, ending in Birmingham.

However, Birmingham Cathedral is arguably the worst place to hold such a concert, certainly for the third of her fans who were consigned to the balconies which had the most uncomfortable pews and restricted views.

In fact, if you were not in the front row of the balconies and you sat down, you couldn't see the performance at all.

Also they have had the whole tour to deal with the problems of setting up sound in buildings which were not designed to stage such events. However, the sound crew in Birmingham seem to have overlooked the fact people up in the balconies needed to hear the singer.

Power

The first two songs were almost inaudible due to poor sound engineering which was annoying considering the audience had to wait around 40 minutes between the support act and Marling appearing on stage, while the crew tested and tweaked the sound system.

This detracted from the performance of Marling who is a fantastic musician and singer and is a cross between the high-noted clarity of Joni Mitchell and the power and emotion of Eva Cassidy.

She was on stage for just over an hour and performed such haunting songs as Goodbye England, Night Terror, New Song and Night after Night.

Rather arrogantly, she made it clear at the penultimate song, Rambling Man, there was only going to be All My Rage, as her encore. Marling is an amazing talent but it would be no surprise if some of the people who had paid more than £20 per ticket, none of which mentioned the restricted or – in some cases – completely blocked view, felt a little let down.

Danny Farragher

**Sixties Gold,
Wolverhampton Civic**

MANCHESTER City beat Wolves in the Carling Cup on Wednesday night and on Thursday night it was Liverpool's turn to conquer the city.

Liverpool, that is, in the shape of Gerry and the Pacemakers and the Searchers.

Gerry Marsden made his entrance and went against the essence of his most famous song – he walked on alone to huge applause.

His voice still has the same jaunty enthusiasm as he ran through the number one hits I Like It and How Do You Do It? were followed by I'm The One and Ferry Cross The Mersey.

You'll Never Walk Alone saw virtually everyone raise their arms and sway. There were even a few Liverpool scarves held aloft as the Civic turned into the Kop.

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The journey started with Spirit In The Sky and a medley of songs from The Dreamers to get us in the mood.

Union Gap's Lady Willpower, Woman Woman and Young Girl went down a storm. Herman's Hermits I'm Into Something Good, Silhouettes, Sunshine Girl and Kind Of Hush received loud cheers from the crowd.

Bringing the entire audience to their feet was The Tremeloes' Do You Love Me, Silence Is Golden, Someone Loves Me and Twist And Shout.

Looking happy and still singing, the crowd left the theatre no doubt full of memories.

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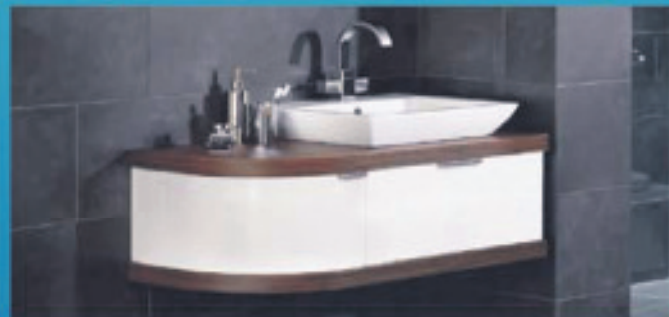


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Plan for homes on edge of nature site

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Up to 70 new homes could be built on the edge of a Dudley nature reserve under new plans lodged with the council.

The former Kuehne and Nagel UK buildings, Netherton would be demolished to make way for the development. Developer Aube Properties has submitted proposals for the four-acre site, off Saltwells Road, bordered by Saltwells Local Nature Reserve.

It is planned to knock down the warehouse buildings and replace them with up to 70 homes of varying size, from one to five bedroom houses.

They would be constructed using materials which match homes along Saltwells Road, which are of a 1930s style.

The proposals include a children's play area near the site and there would be new pedestrian and cycle routes, making it easier for people to get to the nature reserve.

Character

New trees would be planted along with berry-bearing shrubs and plants attractive to bees and butterflies. A report by agents Capita Symonds says the development would "respect the character of the surrounding area".

It says the warehouse buildings have "deteriorated" over the years and are nearing the end of their usable life. The report says knocking down the premises and rebuilding them would be costly and the site owners do not believe there would be sufficient demand for them in the future.

Improvements would also be made to the Saltwells Lane and Saltwells Road junction.

Plans for the redevelopment and to change the land from employment to residential use have been submitted to Dudley Council and will be considered in the coming months.

Saltwells Local Nature Reserve, which covers 247 acres, is a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Adventures make maths fun



Maths teacher Stephen Jabore with, clockwise from bottom left, pupils Esha Jhangir, Luke Howard, Bethany Homer and Seniru Withanage

Children enjoyed a swashbuckling day in a pirate-themed maths challenge at a Black Country academy.

Holly Hall Academy, Dudley, has hosted hundreds of primary school children at its yearly maths challenge events since 2002. More than 50 chil-

dren from four schools in the borough visited the newly-created academy for the event themed on the Pirates of the Caribbean films. Pupils from Russells Hall Primary, Milking Bank Primary, Kates Hill Primary and Woodside Primary Schools took part.

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£5m medical centre is started

Building work has started on a long-awaited £5million medical centre at a hospital which will see two doctors' surgeries move on to one site.

The development is part of long-term plans to modernise Kidderminster Hospital.

The 100,000sq ft development on the southern edge of the hospital will house a pharmacy, physiotherapy unit and offices.

Work is expected to be completed by next October after three years of planning.

The nine-storey Brook House, once used as nurses' accommodation, has been torn down and now construction

of the new premises can begin.

Two GP surgeries, Aylmer Lodge and Northumberland House, will move to the new centre between Sutton Road and Hume Street as both have outgrown their present premises.

Don Beckett, practice manager at Northumberland House Surgery, said: "After seven years of planning the two practices are very excited to see the commencement of work on the site of the new Sutton Road Medical Centre."

"The medical centre will enable the two practices to continue to develop high quality services and ensure that

they are well placed to meet the future demands and challenges placed upon them by future changes to health care provision within Kidderminster."

The scheme was given planning permission by Wyre Forest District Council a year ago following three years of planning. It was hailed as a "positive step forward" for healthcare by councillors and health chiefs.

The mortuary, hospital radio building, oxygen store and two semi-detached houses fronting Hume Street have also been demolished.

A three-storey car park will provide 132 spaces.

Charity helpers wanted

A charity is searching for volunteers to set up a new fundraising group in Kidderminster.

Officials from the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity want people in the town to get involved in creating the group.

Residents who take part will help to organise fundraising activities and collections in the community and encourage more people to get involved.

They will also help to support the charity's major fundraising campaigns such as the Great Daffodil Appeal and Blooming Great Tea Party.

Residents interested in setting up a group are asked to call Worcestershire fundraiser Catherine Butt on 01179 427132.

Catherine said: "Fundraising groups make an enormous difference locally."

"This work allows nurses from the charity to continue providing free care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses while remaining in their own homes."

New brewery is striking Gold

A new brewery launched in Stourbridge earlier this year is planning to increase its capacity by 50 per cent.

Dave Craddock invested more than £20,000 on equipment for Craddock's brewery based at his pub, the Duke William, Coventry Street, earlier this year.

Under its expansion plans the town centre watering hole will now be able to produce just under 3,500 pints a week.

Popular ales Saxon Gold, named in honour of the Stourbridge Rugby Club, and Craddock's Crest are sold in the Duke William.

And until now Mr Craddock says he has had to turn down interest from pubs who have wanted to take the ales as well.

"We have mostly been selling the ale in our own pub."

"We have also sent some to beer festivals where we have had some positive feedback."

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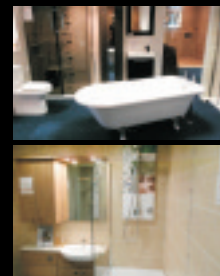
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DIY classes for all the family

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The sessions, for youngsters aged seven to 11, will be held at store, off Mucklow Hill, every weekend.

They will start on Saturday and Sunday at 10.30am, with a class to show children and their parents, how to make a pumpkin tea light holder

for Halloween. B&Q says recent research reveals nearly 50 per cent of parents worry their children will grow up without basic practical skills.

Another survey found youngsters attending after-school clubs and extra-curricular activities don't have time to help around the house.

Spokeswoman Katherine Paterson said: "It's important that young people and families spend time

together learning practical skills, which is why we are rolling out our kids' classes into 50 stores nationwide." Children will be able to choose from 15 different classes, and all will include skills such as sawing, drilling, gluing and nailing, under the guidance of B&Q experts.

The classes cost £5 and people can find out more on www.diy.com/kid-classes or by calling 0845 600 5428.

Lorry firm warned it could lose licences

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A government official has warned a Black Country lorry operator could have its licence revoked after one of its vehicles was involved in a crash, a public inquiry heard.

Arshad Majid, director of Asia Halal Meat Supplier Ltd, Kingswinford, was called before the Office of the Traffic Commissioner to answer a number of disciplinary charges.

About 20 people including three drivers are employed by the firm, which is registered to an abattoir in Ham Lane and also a unit in Birmingham.

The firm and Majid separately faced charges relating to the management of the fleet's tachographs and maintenance of lorries.

Its main business is selling meat wholesale and delivering products to clients in High Wycombe and Slough. Deputy West Midlands Traffic Commissioner Roger Seymour said the allegations were so serious he could be forced to suspend or revoke the firm's and Majid's operator licences.

One of the firm's lorries was involved in a crash after two of its wheels fell off on October 3 last year, the inquiry heard. The lorry flipped over in the accident on the A40 near Ruislip, Greater London, but both driver and passenger were able to walk away.

Accident

Vehicle and Operator Services Agency inspector Neil Lloyd-Bowen, speaking at the hearing, said the accident was most likely due to one of two reasons. He said it was down to either worn wheel mounts or loose wheel nuts.

Fellow inspector Angela Watkins, giving evidence to the inquiry, said she interviewed Mr Majid after he was unable to provide her with all the tachographs accounting for use of the two lorries by the firm between July 1 and November 8, 2010.

She said more than 3,020 miles were unaccounted for on one lorry as Majid was unable to provide the tachograph records. On the records she received, she said, Majid did not adhere to the correct rest periods.

Majid, not represented at the hearing, said: "I will have no job, and 20 people will lose their jobs, as the business will close if I lose my licence. I know now I did not take the tachographs seriously but I realise that it was very important now."

He said his two lorries were given regular maintenance checks as required by law and the defects were fixed. New filing systems were in place for keeping track of vehicle maintenance and collecting drivers' tachograph records more efficiently. Mr Seymour adjourned the hearing and will make a written decision on the case in two weeks' time.

The last word in bugles



Quarry Bank Royal British Legion member Harry Wragg and members with the new electronic bugle

The last post will ring out loud and proud for a Black Country branch of the Royal British Legion thanks to an electronic bugle.

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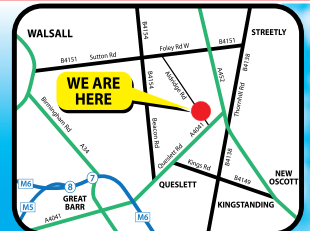
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Offers made for medical sites

Offers have now been made for two former medical centres and a care home put up for sale by health chiefs in Dudley, who deemed them surplus to requirements.

All three buildings have already been closed by Dudley Primary Care Trust.

Interested parties had until the end of September to put their bids in. The former Brierley Hill health centre in Albion Street, was originally given a price tag of £450,000. Offers of around £350,000 were requested for the West Hill clinic, off Hagley Road in Stourbridge.

A former care home in Mere Road,

Norton, Stourbridge, was being marketed for £265,000.

All three of the properties have been listed with Stourbridge-based estate agent The Lee, Shaw Partnership. Dudley Primary Care Trust spokeswoman Laura Broster said details of how much had been offered and who has expressed an interest in them was deemed commercially sensitive.

She added: "We have received final offers from prospective purchasers for all three sites, but as yet have not confirmed which offers we are going to accept."

"It is also important to note that no

decision can be made to formally dispose of the sites until we have followed, in full, the process determined by NHS Estate Code which includes board approval and Strategic Health Authority approval."

The organisation says it has asked for best and final offers in order to maximise the money which can be made available for future investment into Dudley health infrastructure.

Doctors' surgeries and clinics were moved from Brierley Hill health centre to the new £26 million health and social care centre, in Venture Way. The centre, built in 1967, could be redeveloped.

Campaign football contest

Children from two Kidderminster schools took part in a soccer tournament organised by police.

It was held as part of the Let's Kick Racism Out Of Football campaign.

More than 50 pupils from St George's and St Mary's primary schools took part in the event at Springfield Park in The Horsefair.

Kidderminster Mayor, Councillor Anne Hingley, attended and medals and certificates were presented to all the children involved in the tournament which was won by a team from St George's Primary School.

The event was sponsored by the ContinU Trust's Opening Door Programme and police ran it with the help of the local YMCA and Barnado's.

Wyre Forest youth inclusion community support officer Vanessa Halford said: "A picnic was held before the tournament which also included coaching for those boys and girls who had not played much football before. They all enjoyed it."

Dancers show off their trophies

Talented dancers from the Black Country successfully pitted their skills against hundreds of competitors from across the country at a championship event.

Touch of Class, which has centres in Dudley and Brierley Hill, wowed the crowds at the British Freestyle Dance Championships held at Winter Gardens, in Blackpool.

And member Ellie Tonks, aged 17, beat off the competition to be crowned British Youth Champion.

It was also a successful event for other members of the group including Elliot Atkin, nine, who was runner-up in the under-12 boys championship section.

Maria Emms, 10, Chelsea Rist, 12, Breanna Kerlew, six, Chaurntae Bennett, 12, Chloe Westwood, Sean Flavell and his sister Mary also did well in the contest.

Spokeswoman for the dance group Anna Williams-Jones said: "We're very proud of all the dancers and their success."



Front, Chelsea Rist and Ellie Tonks with, centre, Breanna Kerlew, dance tutor, Anna Williams-Jones and Aimee Rowe and, top, Elliot Atkin, Mary Flavell, Maria Emms, and also Chloe Westwood showing off their trophies

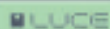
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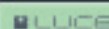
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Call to give new crossing a chance

A councillor says residents' who claim a new £400 pedestrian crossing in Old Hill is a waste of money should give it a chance.

Councillor Iris Boucher claims the crossing on High Gate Street – the first of its kind in the West Midlands is a small price to pay for the amount of lives that will be saved.

The scheme features traffic lights that stay on red unless the oncoming car is going at or below the 30mph speed limit. But despite residents from across the area branding the innovative crossing a dangerous waste of money councillor Boucher, of the Rowley Ward, believes it's the best solution.

"I want the new crossing to stay in permanently; it is such a little cost to spare for the amount of lives it will save," she said. "Motorists are not sticking to the road laws as it is so the traffic lights will give them no choice but to slow down."

"It is a dangerous stretch of road and I understand people's concerns but it needs to be given a chance, at this stage it is too soon to rule out something which could essentially be the answer to the many problems that have been caused in the past." Sandwell Council spent £400 to adjust the crossing, which is close to Willetts Way. It functions as a normal crossing during the day and adopts the traffic calming setting in the evening. The decision to alter it came after residents complained about speeding and it is due to be monitored at the end of the year.

Work on Tesco store is to start within a month

Construction of a controversial new Tesco supermarket in Stourport is finally set to begin following months of delays, bosses say.

Work on the 45,000 sq ft store on the former Carpets of Worth site, off Severn Road, is due to start within the next month.

Officials from the supermarket giant are now working with Worcester County Council and police to prepare the area for the project to get under way. Hoardings have now gone up around the site, at the request of the council.

Letters have been sent out to residents and businesses telling them about the scheme. They include the contact details of the firm's contractor in case anyone has questions about the development, which has been in the pipeline for more than a year.

The first phase of the scheme is expected to be the development of a road bridge leading to the site to provide a clear access point. Roadworks signs have already been put up by the supermarket telling drivers work will be taking place

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in the area for a number of weeks. Tesco officials said the scheme would be starting in the coming weeks. Some preparatory work, including land at the site being levelled, has already taken place.

The development will create around 200 full and part-time jobs and is scheduled to open next summer.

Construction was expected to begin earlier this year and fears were growing about the development's future as no work had taken place at the site.

Bosses said they were "fully committed" to the scheme but some details of the development had taken longer to finalise than expected.

Plans for the supermarket have proved controversial after rival the Mid-Counties Co-operative launched a legal bid against the development.

It argued the store would kill trade in the town centre but planning permission was upheld by the Court of Appeal allowing the development to go ahead.

Youths put their skills into new garden area



Councillor Jill Nicholls, front left, with residents Roger Pennell and Jill Coley in the cleared gardens

Young offenders have given communal gardens at council flats in Halesowen a makeover creating a new space for tenants.

Residents of the flats in Hagley Road were delighted to see the gardens, which were full of rubbish and overgrown weeds, cleared by the Dudley team.

There is now a clear patio area suitable for seating and flowering tubs for tenants to create their own miniature gardens.

Roger Pennell, aged 67, has lived in one of the four ground floor flats which occupy the patio for the last 12 months. He said: "The youths did a lovely job and we are all thrilled with the work. It was a real mess before but I am looking forward to planting my own flowers next year."

Councillor Jill Nicholls of the Belle Vale ward helped to organise the project with the council's housing department and the Dudley youth service.

"Now that this communal garden area has been cleaned up the tenants who live here will have a new interest in tending their own plants, and containers," she said.

£45,000 goes to good causes

A sporting goods business in Sedgley has raised £45,000 for charity in less than 12 months.

Route 39, owned by Steve Saul, is a sporting events and memorabilia company which regularly organises functions and auctions for local and national charities.

To end the year on a high, Steve, aged 48, who runs the business from his home in Sandyfields Road, has organised a sporting dinner for Compton Hospice.

"My mom was in Compton just before she died, and I've always remembered she was so well looked after by everyone there and how hard working the staff were," he said.

"It's a really great charity and I do everything I can to support them because it is so important to help people who are less fortunate."

"Despite these difficult financial times the support we have received so far has been great and we hope to encourage others to give us a go."

The sporting dinner and auction is a Liverpool Legends night with former players Ian Rush and Jan Molby, who will appear at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill, on Thursday December 1.

All money raised above the reserve price placed on auction items will be donated to Compton.

For tickets call Steve on 01902 680023.

Chance to get advice on selling a business

Business owners who are considering selling their companies are invited to a free seminar in Dudley later this month. International mergers and acquisitions specialist BCMS Corporate is hosting the meeting, at the Copthorne Hotel, on the Waterfront by Merry Hill.

Anyone thinking about a sale now or within the next three years, as well as those curious about the value of their business, can attend the event which runs from 9am-1pm on November 15.

Dave Robbette, director of BCMS Corporate, said: "These informative, fast-paced sessions aim to give owners and shareholders of businesses with a turnover exceeding £1 million in the Dudley area sound advice based on 20 years' experience of selling businesses."

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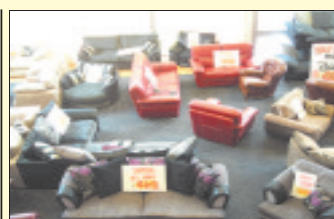
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A busy road which runs through the Dudley borough is set to be widened under new plans to tackle long-running congestion problems in the area.

Motorists travelling along the A458 Windmill Hill at Cradley have faced traffic hold-ups on the narrow road which frequently becomes clogged with buses, commuter traffic and delivery vans. The road is a main thoroughfare between Stourbridge and Halesowen.

Works at the junctions of Toys Lane and Colley Lane, and at the corner of Furlong Lane off the A458, have been labelled "vital" to improve both traffic flow and air quality.

Dudley Council's regeneration boss Councillor Angus Adams insisted the authority was "still committed" to the regeneration of the town.

Desperately

"Road widening all along Windmill Hill and at the junctions is desperately needed, and we are looking into it."

"However, it is difficult as in many places the houses and shop buildings come right up to the pavement, leaving very little room for manoeuvre," he said.

Improvement plans for the town have been hampered by delays since being approved almost five years ago as the recession hit funding and the property market flagged.

It had been hoped a rundown site on Foreddart Street could be sold off for new housing, but a report published on the council website reveals the cost of bringing the site up to an "acceptable standard".

Barry's show to help troops

Barry Steele of Halesowen as Roy Orbison gets ready for the fundraising show

A show paying tribute to music legends Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley will be held in Halesowen for two good causes.

Halesowen Members Club, Hagley Road will host the fundraiser on November 11 to generate funds for Help for Heroes and the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA).

Barry Steele, aged 52, of Halesowen will perform some of Orbison's best known songs. He will be joined by

tribute act, Michel King, who performs as Elvis. As a former RAF corporal, the causes are close to Mr Steele's heart. His daughter Leonie, 28, is also a flight lieutenant in the RAF.

Mr Steele's wife Lynne, who is organising the event, said: "We have a strong forces link, which is why we have organised the fundraiser." Also on the bill is Midland comic Doug Parker.

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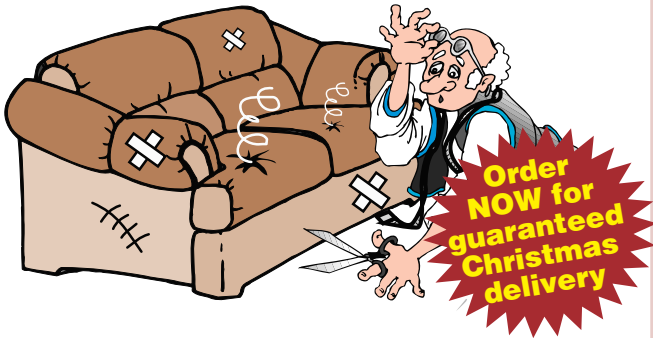
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THE WAY I SEE IT

Region suffers while jobs in South on the up

New, official figures show the number of public sector jobs has increased in the wealthiest parts of Britain – despite Government spending cuts which have cost thousands of people their jobs in the West Midlands.

The figures show that while both public and private sector employment in our region has declined over the last 12 months, London and the South East have seen public sector employment increase by almost 35,000.

Between June 2010 and June 2011 the West Midlands lost 26,100 public sector jobs and saw a fall of 13,500 in private sector employment.

Think back to June last year. During the coalition's honeymoon period George Osborne predicted job losses in the public sector would be more than offset by increased private sector employment. In the teeth of the worst financial crisis since the 1930s he claimed two million extra jobs would be created.

Now I know honeymoons are supposed to be times of hope and optimism about the future, when anything seems possible, but even so George Osborne's prediction was stretching things a bit. Then and now it had more to do with wishful thinking than credible economics.

It's clear that places such as ours, which at 22 per cent has one of the highest rates of public sector employment in the country and where 800 jobs are due to go at Dudley Council alone next year, need more protection from the Government's failing jobs policy.

These shocking figures underline the huge challenges facing our area. We were hit harder in the downturn than anywhere else and these figures prove it's taking much longer for the West Midlands to recover.

We've got great strengths in our region, ingenuity, hard work and a background in manufacturing but we clearly need people in London to understand the severity and scale of the challenges we face.

All in it together? Who are they trying to kid?

Proud to back British Legion campaign

We're all aware of the enormous debt of gratitude we owe our Armed Forces, both past and present and the important work the British Legion does to protect and improve

Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter



the wellbeing of serving personnel, veterans and their families. I was therefore proud to vote in support of the British Legion's campaign to save the Office of the Chief Coroner in Parliament last Tuesday.

This position was established by the last Government to oversee the inquests into the deaths of service personnel killed in action and its creation was welcomed by the legion as an important step towards improving the working of the inquest system.

The British Legion had hoped its creation would be confirmed with the passage last Tuesday of the Public Bodies Bill through Parliament. But the Government ignored the pleas of the British Legion, and the majority of Tory MPs voted to leave it out – effectively abolishing the position before it had been created.

They claim it would have been too expensive to implement but it looks to me that the Government is again prioritising ideological cutbacks over the needs of the public, particularly the bereaved families of our armed forces.

Cameron should keep his promise on Sure Start

Before the election David Cameron and Nick Clegg made personal promises to keep Children's Centres open. Cameron said: "I want not just to repeat our commitment to keep Sure Start. But to set out how we will improve Sure Start." People might be surprised then to find out across the country 83 per cent of councils are being forced to slash budgets, with 47 centres closed or earmarked for closure by April 2012. The removal of ring fencing from the Government grant used to pay for Sure Start means councils are now free to spend the money on their own priorities – potentially filling potholes instead of supporting parents.

Sure Start Centres are a vital part of the community and centres like those at Kates Hill, Wrens Nest and Gornal in my constituency do a brilliant job in enabling parents and carers to access quality childcare. Worryingly the figures show in Dudley the funding which pays for Sure Start is down 24 per cent this year – a cut of £3.9 million. The Priory Children's Centre is to lose £40,000 next year and faces further cuts the year after.

I've written to David Cameron demanding he lives up to his pre-election commitment to protect and build on Sure Start, and to take action now to ensure no more centres close and no more services are lost.

Twitter

Ps, I've just started using twitter. I'm hoping it will make it easier for people to keep up to date with what I'm doing in Dudley and Westminster. My user name is @IanAustinMP

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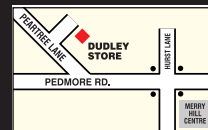


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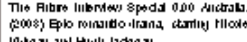
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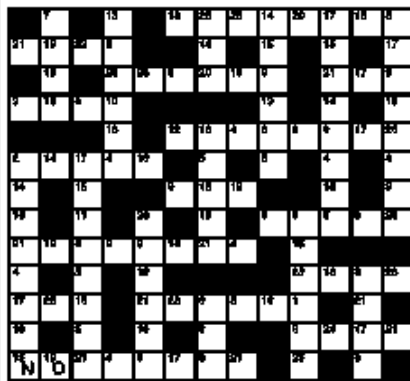
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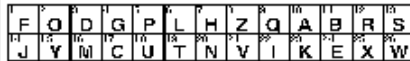
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Cryptic Clues:

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1. Egyptian goddess is shown below (4)
2. Hot story taken in by medical order (10)
3. Possibly greets an N.C.C.O. (8)
4. Sound comeback (4)
5. Goes into liquidation when avoiding hard (8)
6. Come on board to wind up with (8)
7. Shun and finally out (6)
8. Bath in, perhaps, and drive away (8)
9. One entitled to look closely (4)
10. Casual feature of grain farming (8)
11. Animal gets cold in the Far East (10)
12. Learning a new role (4)

Down

1. What dipping of a good pair of rhyons would be? (5,5)
2. Skies up, looking complacent (4)
3. Small steel lights might help them to find their way home (6)
4. Skits, so both have to change (6)
5. Keep quiet aboard ship (4,4)
6. Voice of natural tone (4)
7. Is valid as a description of what a bucket does (5,5)
8. Supporter likely to maintain contact (8)
9. Just say he's a craftsman (6)
10. Just happened to be cruel (6)
11. With due deference to speed (4)
12. Genuine old Spanish coin (4)

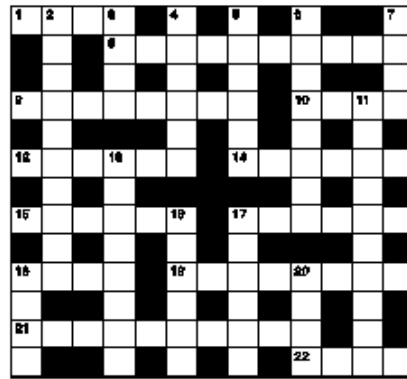
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Legend (4)
2. Easy task (5,4)
3. Ops in liquid (8)
4. Mixture (4)
5. Concludes (6)
6. Kilo (6)
7. Last (8)
8. Motive (8)
9. Minus (4)
10. Mithras (8)
11. Unofficially (10)
12. Team (4)

Down

1. The first humans (4,3,8)
2. Pain (4)
3. Fails to hit (8)
4. U.S. inventor (6)
5. Short musical drama (8)
6. Cow house (4)
7. Declared (10)
8. Issue (8)
9. Convulsions (6)
10. Remember (8)
11. Den (4)
12. Periods of time (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC: Across: 7. Omega, 8. Adrenal, 9. Anemia, 10. Syria, 12. Wall, 13. Pledge, 15. Autograph, 18. 84th, 19. Absent, 21. Pottery, 22. Meme. Down: 1. Shakespeare, 2. Toss, 3. Urea, 4. Tamed, 5. Mixture, 6. Sarcasm, 11. Pottery, 13. Omega, 14. Impure, 16. Omega, 17. Rime, 20. Bone, 21. Omega, 22. Meme, 23. Omega, 24. Omega, 25. Omega, 26. Omega.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every row, every column, every 3x3 box contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is 'M'. Across: 1. M. Across: 2. M. Across: 3. M. Across: 4. M. Across: 5. M. Across: 6. M. Across: 7. M. Across: 8. M. Across: 9. M. Across: 10. M. Across: 11. M. Across: 12. M. Across: 13. M. Across: 14. M. Across: 15. M. Across: 16. M. Across: 17. M. Across: 18. M. Across: 19. M. Across: 20. M. Across: 21. M. Across: 22. M. Across: 23. M. Across: 24. M. Across: 25. M. Across: 26. M.

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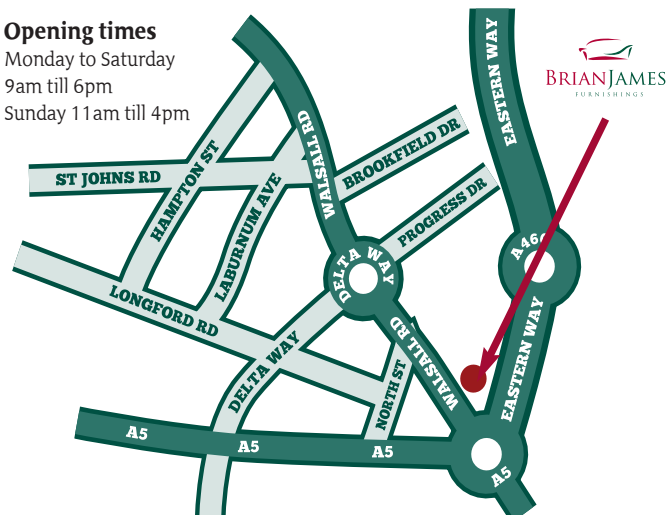
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This attractively presented, delightfully improved 2 Bedroom Intermediate Townhouse provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or young family in this popular address and briefly comprises: Hall, attractive Lounge, fitted Kitchen, double glazed Conservatory, 2 very well proportioned Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, pleasant good sized lawn near Garden and driveway with parking for 2 cars.

Offers around £89,950



CLOCKFIELDS
NORTHWOOD WAY

Most pleasantly situated in this popular cul-de-sac on the well known 'Clockfields' development, this superbly presented, Modern 4 bedroom Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed family accommodation which simply must be seen and briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, superb refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Double Glazed Conservatory, Laundry/Utility Room with Downstairs Cloaks off, 4 excellent Bedrooms Master with En Suite Shower Room, attractively fitted house Bathroom, pleasant rear Garden and driveway for 2 cars.

Offers around £244,950



DUDLEY
QUENTIN DRIVE

Most pleasantly situated towards the head of this popular and mature cul-de-sac with large well kept rear gardens, this delightfully presented Modern 3 Bedroom Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the larger family and briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom with Separate Shower, Large Side Garage, Pleasant Large Lawned Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the front.

Offers around £209,950



BRIERLEY HILL
CRESCENT AVENUE

Pleasantly and conveniently situated just into this mature and respected address, this superbly kept and much improved Traditional 3 bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, superb refitted Kitchen, 3 excellent Bedrooms, attractive refitted Bathroom with Shower, pleasant mature wide rear gardens and driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £144,950



BRIERLEY HILL
HILLCREST AVENUE

This delightfully presented, improved, extended Traditionally styled 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation pleasantly situated overlooking sports ground to the rear in this ever popular address. With charm and briefly comprising: Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, superb refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob and appliances, Study, 3 good Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Superb Large Lawned Rear Gardens with impressive views and Block Paved Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

Offers around £134,950



HOLLY HALL
PENSNETT ROAD

This superbly presented, stylishly refurbished Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family and is very conveniently positioned close to Russells Hall Hospital. Viewing highly recommended. Briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room with Reception Hall, attractive Lounge, superb refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob and integrated fridge and freezer, 3 excellent Bedrooms, sumptuous appointed Bathroom with shower, pleasant good sized rear gardens with pleasant outlook and driveway for two cars to the front.

Offers around £124,950



PENSNETT
TILED HOUSE LANE

A well presented, improved and extended Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence, conveniently positioned in this popular address and providing spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed family accommodation to include: Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Spacious Kitchen extension, Downstairs Shower Room, 3 Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, Side Garage, pleasant mature lawned Rear Gardens and side Driveway for 2/3 cars.

Offers around £123,995



BRIERLEY HILL
STOURBRIDGE ROAD

This attractive, Extended Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed family accommodation pleasantly situated in this ever popular and convenient address and briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Superb refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob and appliances, Study, 3 good Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Superb Large Lawned Rear Gardens with impressive views and Block Paved Driveway for 2/3 cars to the front.

Offers around £112,000



BRIERLEY HILL
SPRINGFIELD ROAD

This attractively presented much improved 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation in this very convenient address and represents an excellent opportunity for the discerning young family. Briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Large attractive refitted Dining Kitchen with integrated dishwasher, Double Glazed Conservatory, Utility Room, 3 good sized Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, splendid good sized mature rear Garden, 30ft side Garage and driveway to front.

Offers around £99,950



QUARRY BANK
ALEXANDER HILL

Providing deceptively spacious, mostly gas centrally heated accommodation ideal for the young family or First Time Buyer in this popular, convenient and established address, this three Bedroomed Intermediate Townhouse requires certain upgrading but is available at a realistic price with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Rear Lobby with Utility Laundry off, 3 Good Bedrooms, Bathroom, good sized Rear Gardens and Large Driveway to the front for 3 cars.

Offers around £89,950



BRIERLEY HILL
ADELAIDE STREET

Providing deceptively spacious recently redecorated gas centrally heated and mostly UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or young family, this neatly presented 3 Bedroomed Intermediate Terrace is conveniently situated in this popular and convenient address and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower and enclosed rear Gardens.

Offers around £84,950



BROCKMOOR
CRESSETT AVENUE

A three bedroomed Semi-Detached residence providing spacious gas centrally heated and mostly UPVC double glazed accommodation at a realistic asking price with NO UPWARD CHAIN and although requiring improvement offers excellent further potential. Briefly comprises: Porch, Hall, Lounge, refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Bathroom with shower, separate W.C., 3 well proportioned Bedrooms and rear Garden with rear vehicular access.

Offers around £79,950



BRIERLEY HILL
ROOKERY AVENUE

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this 2 bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation which although requires certain upgrading and redecoration provides tremendous further potential and is available with No Upward Chain. Briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Dining area, Kitchen Veranda, 2 good Bedrooms, Bathroom, pleasant Rear Gardens and driveway to front.

Offers around £74,950



BRIERLEY HILL
FOXDALE DRIVE

A delightfully presented, much improved Modern One Bedroomed Ground Floor Flat pleasantly situated facing the Canal Arm on this popular development and affords skilfully proportioned UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the first time buyer or single person. Briefly comprises: Community Security Controlled Entrance Lobby, Hall, 'L' shaped Lounge/Dining, attractive refitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, Double Bedroom with fitted wardrobes, stylish refitted Shower Room and allocated Car Parking Space.

Offers around £59,950



BRIERLEY HILL
SOUTH PARK MEWS

A Spacious Modern 2 Bedroomed First Floor Apartment Conveniently Situated for Town Centre Gas Central Heating and double glazing. Splendid views towards Client Hills. Hall, Lounge, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, large Bathroom with separate shower cubicle & Parking Space Available Immediately. No Pets/DSS/Smokers. Deposit £500.

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KINGSWINFORD, ELMHURST DRIVE,

● Impressive semi detached property
● Three bedrooms ● Splendid lounge with dining area
● Superb refitted kitchen with oven & hob
● Reappointed bathroom
● Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
● Delightful rear garden
● Garage and drive to the rear of the property ● NO DSS NO PETS

£595 PCM



DUDLEY, KESTREL ROAD,

● Superb semi detached house ● Three bedrooms
● Splendid lounge with corner leather sofa
● Impressive dining kitchen with oven & hob
● Bathroom with shower over the bath
● Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
● Rear garden ● Garage & drive way

£550 PCM



NETHERTON, PURLIN WHARF,

● Impressive top floor apartment
● Two bedrooms, master with ensuite shower room
● Superb lounge ● Splendid fitted kitchen with oven, hob & washer dryer
● Attractive bathroom ● Electric heating & UPVC double glazing
● Allocated parking ● NO DSS NO PETS

£525 PCM



BRIERLEY HILL, BANKWELL STREET,

● Well presented semi detached property
● Three bedrooms ● Lounge with gas log burner
● Dining kitchen with double oven & hob
● Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
● Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
● Rear garden

£525 PCM



QUARRY BANK, NEW STREET,

● Spacious & well presented link detached property
● Two bedrooms ● Splendid lounge
● Separate dining room ● Attractive kitchen with gas cooker
● Utility room ● Bathroom with shower over the bath
● Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing ● Delightful rear garden

£450 PCM



BRIERLEY HILL, SQUIRES COURT,

● Impressive modern end town house within the popular Lakeside development ● Two bedrooms, Master with walk in wardrobe
● Splendid lounge with feature fireplace
● Fitted dining kitchen with built in oven and hob
● Bathroom with electric shower over the bath ● Gas central heating
● Double glazing ● Enclosed rear garden and driveway ● NO DSS, NO PETS

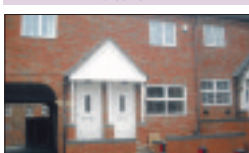
£525 PCM



BRIERLEY HILL, LANCASTER ROAD,

● Impressive semi detached property ● Cul de sac location
● Three bedrooms ● Superb lounge
● Splendid refitted kitchen with oven & hob
● Bathroom with shower over bath
● Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
● Delightful rear garden ● Garage & driveway
● NO DSS, NO PETS

£550 PCM



QUARRY BANK, VICTORIA ROAD

● Superb modern town house ● Two bedrooms
● Lounge with feature fireplace
● Fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob
● Bathroom with shower over the bath
● GCH & UPVC double glazing
● Stone chipped rear garden ● Parking space to rear

£550 PCM



CRADLEY HEATH, WYCHERLEY WAY,

● Impressive first floor apartment
● Two bedrooms ● Splendid lounge
● Superb kitchen with built in oven & hob
● Attractive bathroom with shower over the bath
● UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
● Allocated parking

£450 pcm NO DSS NO PETS



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PROSPECT ROAD

A detached home of considerable style and elegance that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining area, a superb fitted kitchen, a downstairs w/c, a master suite that incorporates a bedroom, a sitting room, an en-suite shower room and a balcony, three further upstairs rooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a beautiful rear garden.

£324,950

SEDGLEY



ALDER COPPICE

A four bedroom detached family home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a through lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a utility room, four bedrooms, a bathroom, a double garage and impressive gardens to the front, side and rear of the property.

£259,950

SEDGLEY



WESTRIDGE

A three bedroom detached home that would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement and modernisation and briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with open access to the dining room, a kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a garage, gas fired central heating, double glazing where stated and a rear garden with distant views.

£204,950

EARLS KEEP



BREAMORE CRESCENT

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a through lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden.

£199,950

MILKING BANK



WEXFORD CLOSE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, an open plan kitchen and dining room, a utility room, a downstairs WC, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£199,950

LOWER GORNAL



WINRUSH CLOSE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs WC, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden with distant views.

£199,950

GORNAL WOOD



EAST STREET

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£189,950

SEDGLEY



ALDERDALE AVENUE

A three bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a study, a fitted kitchen, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden.

£189,950

SEDGLEY



LANGLAND DRIVE

A three bedroom semi detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£181,950

DUDLEY



DIBDALE ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, an L-shaped breakfast kitchen that incorporates a sitting area, a utility room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a shower room, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a good sized rear garden.

£169,950

PRIORY GATE



RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden with panoramic views.

£169,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



MANDERSTON CLOSE

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden.

£156,950

MILKING BANK



AUSTIN CLOSE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a re-appointed bathroom, a large storage/utility room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden.

£155,950

SEDGLEY



BROWNSWALL ROAD

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with open access into the conservatory, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£154,950

SEDGLEY



WARREN DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£149,950

SEDGLEY



SANDYFIELDS ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen, a dining/sitting room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, a 33ft garage with a workshop behind and a pleasant rear garden.

£149,950

CAPITAL HILL



DONNINGTON COURT

A three bedroom town house that briefly comprises a lounge, a study, a guest cloakroom, a magnificent dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and allocated parking for two cars.

£145,950

EARLS KEEP



GARRICK CLOSE

A two bedroom first floor apartment that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious open plan lounge/dining room, an enclosed balcony, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, two en-suite bedrooms, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, communal gardens, allocated parking for two cars and panoramic views.

£131,950

COSELEY



ELMDALE ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, an extended lounge, a dining room, an extended breakfast kitchen, a utility room three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£129,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



MANDERSTON CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, an inner hallway, a downstairs wc, two good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and an adjacent double carport area that provides parking for two cars.

£124,950

LOWER GORNAL



WHITEBEAM CLOSE

A most attractive, well presented and tastefully appointed, three bedroom end town house that enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location in a popular residential area. This spacious home offers excellent family living accommodation and has the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating. It briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a driveway that extends to the side of the property and a rear garden.

£124,950

LOWER GORNAL



WINSAR CROFT

A two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, parking for two cars and a pleasant rear garden.

£118,950

LOWER GORNAL



GIDEONS CLOSE

A two bedroom semi detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge, a fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden.

£111,950

WOODSETTON

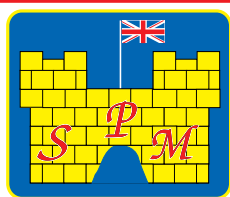


ROPER WAY

A two bedroom end town house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£104,950

<p>GORNAL WOOD</p>  <p>ROCKINGHAM CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Superior detached home in a prime location in Gornal Wood ★ Spacious Lounge and formal dining room ★ Good sized breakfast kitchen. Utility room ★ Four bedrooms, en-suite to master ★ Gas central heating ★ Double garage ★ Block paved driveway with parking for 3/4 vehicles <p>NEW PRICE £259,950</p>	<p>SWINDON</p>  <p>SWINFORGE WAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Reduced by £25,000 ★ Four bed detached, village location ★ Delightful canal side setting ★ Lounge ★ Dining room ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Garage, driveway parking ★ PART EX CONSIDERED <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £257,000</p>	<p>MILKING BANK</p>  <p>SOVEREIGN DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Delightfully positioned 4 bed detached ★ Lounge ★ Separate dining room ★ Kitchen ★ Utility room ★ Guest cloakroom ★ ★ Spacious master bedroom & ensuite ★ Modern bathroom ★ Block paved driveway ★ Feature landscaped rear garden <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £249,950</p>	<p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ An impressive traditional style detached ★ Lounge, conservatory, 2nd reception, ★ A traditional style kitchen ★ Utility ★ Guest cloakroom ★ Three double bedrooms ★ En-suite to master bedroom ★ Delightful rear gardens ★ Garage & driveway for several cars. <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £225,000</p>	<p>UPPER GORNAL</p>  <p>OLD QUARRY DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Modern three bed detached ★ Well presented throughout ★ Two reception room ★ Kitchen and utility ★ Downstairs cloakroom ★ Ensuite to master bedroom ★ Garage. ★ Secluded rear garden <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £222,500</p>	<p>LOWER GORNAL</p>  <p>THE STRAITS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A delightful modern detached family home ★ Lounge and dining kitchen ★ Conservatory ★ Four spacious bedrooms ★ Bathroom with separate shower cubicle ★ Guest cloakroom ★ Garage and block paved driveway <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £209,950</p>
<p>GORNAL WOOD</p>  <p>KETTLESBANK ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A detached home in a desirable quiet location ★ Very close to Gornal Village ★ Open plan lounge/dining room ★ Spacious kitchen with utility area ★ Four bedrooms ★ Ensuite ★ Family bathroom ★ Delightful private rear garden ★ Garage <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £197,500</p>	<p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>HIGH PARK CRESCENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A traditional three bedroom detached property in a most sought after location close to Sedgley Village ★ Two reception rooms ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Conservatory ★ Guest cloakroom ★ Gas central heating and upvc double glazing ★ Driveway parking for several vehicles <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £196,500</p>	<p>DUDLEY</p>  <p>ABBOTSFORD DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Detached bungalow, extensive plot ★ Ideal for redevelopment of site or potential for extension ★ Two double bedrooms ★ Two conservatories ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Lounge and separate dining area ★ Tandem garage ★ Driveway ★ No upward chain <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £189,950</p>	<p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>QUEENS ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ An ideal traditional style family home ★ Close to Sedgley Centre & schools ★ Lounge & separate dining room ★ Extended breakfast kitchen ★ Utility, guest wc and cloakroom ★ Three bedrooms with fitted wardrobes ★ Garage. ★ Good sized rear garden <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £187,500</p>	<p>LOWER GORNAL</p>  <p>HUMPHREY STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A traditional three bed detached ★ ★ Two reception rooms ★ Newly fitted kitchen ★ Utility ★ New central heating system ★ Double glazing ★ Garage and block paved driveway ★ Very pleasant private rear garden ★ No upward chain <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £184,950</p>	<p>COSELEY</p>  <p>IVYHOUSE LANE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A beautifully presented link detached ★ Two reception rooms and conservatory ★ Modern extended dining kitchen, utility ★ Guest cloakroom ★ Modern bathroom ★ Four bedrooms, two with fitted furniture ★ Block paved driveway, parking 3/4 cars ★ Garage. ★ Private rear garden ★ Viewing highly recommended <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £169,950</p>
<p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>SANDYFIELDS ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Semi-detached dormer bungalow ★ Desirable location with panoramic views to rear ★ Two double bedrooms and dormer loft room ★ Upvc double glazing ★ Gas central heating ★ Garage and driveway parking ★ No upward chain <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £165,000</p>	<p>ETTINGSHALL PARK</p>  <p>FARRINGTON ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ An extended traditional 'Muklow' style house ★ Lounge and spacious dining room ★ Kitchen. ★ Cloakroom ★ Three good sized bedrooms ★ Upvc double glazing ★ Gas central heating ★ Garage. Pleasant rear gardens ★ No upward chain <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950</p>	<p>LOWER GORNAL</p>  <p>WINSCAR CROFT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Modern style semi, quiet cul-de-sac ★ High standard of accommodation ★ Extended living space ★ Kitchen with dining area. ★ Lounge and conservatory ★ Three bedrooms, ensuite to master ★ Garage part converted to storage space ★ Parking for several cars ★ Viewing highly recommended <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £156,950</p>	<p>UPPER GORNAL</p>  <p>OLD PARK ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ An extremely well presented semi, enhanced and extended ★ Lounge ★ Sun room ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Guest wc ★ Workshop ★ Loft room ★ Three bedrooms, two with fitted furniture ★ Delightful rear garden with ★ ENCLOSED SWIMMING POOL ★ Viewing highly recommended <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,950</p>	<p>GORNAL WOOD</p>  <p>PRICES ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A delightful cottage close to Gornal village ★ Pleasant lounge, separate dining room ★ Country style kitchen with utility room ★ Large modern bathroom ★ Two comfortable bedrooms, potential for en-suite ★ Upvc double glazing & central heating ★ Rear garden with sunny aspect ★ Block paved driveway <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £149,950</p>	<p>COSELEY</p>  <p>GOUGH ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A period semi-detached property ★ Refurbished throughout to a high standard ★ Two reception rooms ★ Kitchen ★ Utility ★ Cellar ★ Three double bedrooms ★ Modern fitted bathroom with shower cubicle ★ Driveway parking to the rear <p>GUIDE PRICE £145,000</p>
<p>COSELEY</p>  <p>YEW TREE LANE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A traditional bay fronted semi-detached ★ Walking distance to Cosely station ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Three bedrooms ★ Upvc double glazing ★ Gas central heating ★ Double width garage. ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £134,950</p>	<p>COSELEY</p>  <p>GOUGH ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Impressive Edwardian end cottage full of character ★ Two spacious reception rooms ★ Kitchen ★ Utility /store ★ Three double bedrooms ★ Large family bathroom ★ Conservatory opening onto delightful rear garden ★ Block paved foregarden ★ Large garage /workshop/office to the rear <p>REDUCED TO £129,950</p>	<p>WOMBOURNE</p>  <p>ELM TREE CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Set on a large plot, a traditional style semi ★ Through lounge, large conservatory ★ Kitchen ★ Downstairs wc ★ Three good sized bedrooms ★ Double glazing ★ Gas central heating ★ Extensive rear gardens ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,500</p>	<p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>BIRCH ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A splendid traditional semi-detached ★ Two reception rooms ★ Kitchen ★ utility ★ Cloakroom ★ Three excellent sized bedrooms ★ Modern shower room, fitted units ★ Gas central heating ★ Upvc d glazing (majority) ★ Driveway parking <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £122,950</p>	<p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>ARCAL STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A ideal first time purchase ★ Traditional style semi. close to Sedgley centre ★ Open plan kitchen with dining area ★ Good sized lounge with access to garden ★ Three bedrooms ★ Newly refitted bathroom ★ Gas central heating ★ Garage and driveway parking <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950</p>	<p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>LOMOND ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ A beautifully presented semi-detached ★ Lounge with full width windows to garden ★ Dining kitchen ★ Three good sized bedrooms ★ Upvc double glazing ★ Gas central heating ★ Attractive low maintenance rear garden <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950</p>
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A SPACIOUS, significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed inter-war detached of character with many fine period features & providing FURTHER POTENTIAL with planning consent for substantial to side & rear. Accommodation includes entrance, imposing reception hall (original woodblock floor), store, elegant lounge with bay, sitting room, rear lobby, kitchen, transverse 24'3" verandah. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating jacuzzi, large (22'8" garage), extensive, well planted/secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950**COSELEY****Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. AN EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed 4/5 bedroom detached providing extremely flexible room arrangements to suit a wide range of family requirements. Accommodation presently comprises entrance porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloaks/shower room, sitting room, further reception room (potential fifth bedroom), breakfast kitchen (with 'utility' conservatory addition), 21ft lounge with patio doors. FOUR BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with white suite. Extensive brick/block paved parking, DOUBLE GARAGE, gated hard standing suitable for caravan, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £210,000**LOWER GORNAL****Thornleigh**

Significantly EXTENDED (ideal granny/teenager suite) & tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with the flexible accommodation comprising reception hall, through living/dining room with brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, refitted kitchen with a range of 'beech' effect units & various appliances, large utility room beyond & a separate toilet. Also to the ground floor is a 14'6" 'bed-sit room' with shower/wet room en suite (double doors out to garden). Three further bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, delightful landscaped sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £209,950**KINGSWINFORD****1 Whitehall Road**

Enjoying a delightful setting within Valley Fields, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE offers SPACIOUS and VERY WELL APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and having PLANNING APPROVAL to create a GROUND FLOOR DOUBLE BEDROOM with EN-SUITE. The property comprising: Reception Hall, Guest Cloaks WC, Full width Lounge, Dining Room, RE-FITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN with built in appliances, 14+ GARDEN ROOM, Study, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (Majority Fitted) and REFITTED BATHROOM. The property has a pleasant open front outlook and is set beyond the front garden, BROAD DRIVEWAY, LARGE CARPORT, GARAGE and with a VERY ATTRACTIVE SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £204,950**WALL HEATH****75 Beachcroft Road**

BACKING OPEN COUNTRY/SIDE within this established and highly desirable location, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND GREATLY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS arrangement of VERY WELL PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, well proportioned lounge, well appointed dining kitchen with integrated appliances, second sitting room, garden room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, SUPERB LOFT and bathroom. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the fore with approach to GARAGE and having an EXCELLENT SIZED REAR GARDEN which enjoys a fantastic open rear aspect with countryside beyond. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £191,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN**SEDGLEY****Gower Road, Northway**

A gas centrally heated UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached bungalow enviable situated in favoured cul de sac section abutting onto open fields with magnificent PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS beyond. Offering potential, the accommodation includes reception hall, cloaks cupboard, boiler cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom, transverse 22'5" lounge/dining room, kitchen, lengthy garage, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,995**SEDGLEY****Sandfields Road**

Enviable situated within close proximity to open fields & overlooking golf driving range to rear yet within walking distance of so many amenities, a SPACIOUS, conscientiously maintained, double glazed, EXTENDED, detached family home with further potential. Accommodation includes: entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, superb 30 ft through living room with defined lounge & dining room sections (double glazed patio doors out to the garden), extended 15'9" breakfast kitchen, utility room. Three generous bedrooms, spacious bathroom. Garage, delightful level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950**LOWER GORNAL****Ruiton Street**

An OUTSTANDING, meticulously maintained, and significantly improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow presented in exemplary order throughout and comprising: entrance hallway, boiler/cloakroom, 20'5" living/dining room, inner hallway, store, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with stylish white suite, two bedrooms, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. Brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Extensive gated parking, neat landscaped garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950**UPPER GORNAL****Foxlands Drive**

A gas centrally heated, mostly uPVC double glazed detached family home in favoured 'backwater' with the conscientiously maintained & significantly enhanced accommodation providing reception hall (wood strip floor), reappointed cloakroom with white suite, store, through living room comprising lounge section (with 'Ministar' style overmantel) & dining room section with patio doors out to the double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite) & a re-fitted shower (former bathroom), garage, delightful secluded rear garden, lengthy foregarden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****12 Foundry Road**

This SUCCESSFULLY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys a very pleasant setting within a level walk of village amenities and, RECENTLY IMPROVED AND RE-APPOINTED, is superbly presented with: Porch, Hall, SPLENDID 15'6" LOUNGE, rear Verandah, REFITTED CREAM SHAKER DINING/BREAKFAST KITCHEN with integrated appliances. Rear Hall and SHOWER. TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, REFITTED SHOWER ROOM and UPDATED GAS CENTRAL HEATING, CAVITY INSULATION, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and WIRING UPDATE. Level gardens include forelawn, gently rising long drive to GARAGE and sunny, south facing yet secluded rear gardens. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Offers in the region £159,950

LOWER GORNAL**NEW PRICE****Masefield Road, Straits**

A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated in popular district within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities/country park, etc. This fine home includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, breakfast kitchen, 15'8" L-shape lounge/dining room (with patio doors), three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, garage, good sized well tended/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,950

DUDLEY**NEW PRICE****Beaumaris Close (Off Richborough Drive)**

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, semi detached that has been the subject of significant expenditure in recent years. Set in a cul-de-sac, the property comprises: entrance hall, refitted kitchen, former garage utilised as a utility room with matching units, transverse lounge/dining room and brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite, two further bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with a white suite. Professionally landscaped gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

SEDGLEY**Furlongs Road**

TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED, and meticulously maintained. Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular convenient district. The stylish accommodation includes: reception hall, dining room, sitting room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen, through lobby with two stores and a separate toilet. Three bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary fitted suite. Extensive parking, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £146,500

WOODSETTON**Woodsetton Close**

A conscientiously maintained, significantly modernised & improved. Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in quiet cul de sac with secluded well tended rear garden. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance porch, inner hallway, stylish living room, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of units (patio doors out to garden), three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, ample parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,950

SEDGLEY**Northway**

An attractive, significantly improved & conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed Leasehold semi detached in popular favoured neighbourhood. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, lounge, dining room (with patio doors to garden), kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, carport, utility room & 'office' beyond, black paved foregarden, landscaped rear garden with raised decking & good views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,000

COSELEY**Elmdale Road, Bramford Estate**

SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL. A gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & double glazed traditional semi detached requiring some sympathetic updating set in popular district. Accommodation includes porch, hall, store, lounge with bay, sitting room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage (recently re-roofed), good sized garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £128,500

COSELEY**NEW PRICE****Bridgewater Drive**

This beautifully presented, modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and is situated at the head of this popular cul-de-sac. The property is well worthy of an internal inspection, and briefly comprises: living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, conservatory, study/playroom, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite. Garage, double width driveway, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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GORNAL WOOD**Chapel Walk**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! - A significantly enhanced, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow enviably situated in particularly secluded/private location within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, 28'4" through central reception hall with lobby to the rear, two stores, lounge with double french doors to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY addition, refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, double bedroom, reappointed bathroom with white suite, neat 'low maintenance' gardens, GARAGE & further parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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WOODSETTON**Brook Street**

An exceptionally well appointed, tremendously enhanced & extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed townhouse of tremendous character that has been carefully restored by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes reception hall (with access to cellar) and lofty (9ft ceiling heights), elegant lounge with feature cast fireplace, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & integrated appliances, rear utility/laundry section, separate toilet, reappointed bathroom with white suite. To the first floor are two double bedrooms and there is a winding staircase up to a further third dormer double bedroom. Secluded rear garden. Vendor advises property is close to Cooseley station 15min link to Birmingham. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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SEDGLEY**Arcal Street**

A conveniently situated Freehold, gas centrally heated & either secondary or sealed unit double glazed semi detached within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities/schools etc. The accommodation includes: glazed entrance porch, reception hall, transverse lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen. Three well proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), bathroom, garage, car port, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £118,000

COSELEY**Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

VENDOR ADVISES NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional end terrace of character that has been conscientiously maintained & TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED in recent years conveniently situated backing onto allotments at rear with distant views. Accommodation provides dining room with OPEN FIREPLACE, store, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, lobby, recently reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. THREE BEDROOMS, neat sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,000

UPPER GORNAL**Alderwood Rise**

A significantly ENHANCED, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached excellent situated at head of relatively quiet cul de sac in a convenient district. The well presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with 'living flame' gas fire, transverse dining kitchen (with upgraded units) & understair pantry. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with white suite, potential garage space (subject to regulations) with double wrought iron gates & a secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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PENSNETT**NO UPWARD CHAIN****11 Byrchen Moor Gardens**

THIS BEAUTIFULLY AND EXTENSIVELY IMPROVED, MOST DECEPTIVE, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOME enjoys a superb 'cul-de-sac' setting within this very popular and established location and offers an ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED layout which is READY TO MOVE INTO, including uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: delightful lounge, BEAUTIFUL REFITTED DINING KITCHEN with integrated appliances, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. Set back beyond a small foregarden, together with the DRIVEWAY and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £106,955

KINGSWINFORD**£5,000 REDUCTION****11 Freeland Grove**

Pleasantly located in this small cul-de-sac within popular 'High Acres', this SPACIOUS, MODERN TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE, offers a generous layout within, attractively presented with: ENLARGED 15'7"x 13' LOUNGE, Combined 13' DINING / KITCHEN, TWO 13'x9' + DOUBLE BEDROOMS, attractive 'Pastel grey' Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Forelawn with DRIVE/PARKING shared SIDE DRIVE to GARAGE (presently fenced/easily reverted) and REAR PATIO plus SECLUDED YET SUNNY GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £104,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

SEDGLEY**Arcal Street**

An attractive, exceptionally well presented & tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional terrace of character within level walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring. Superb accommodation includes elegant dining room (with original overmantel), understairs store, sitting room (with living flame feature gas fireplace), lobby, refitted kitchen & further utility section beyond. Two double bedrooms, various storage cupboards, reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. Delightful, lengthy, well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

NETHERTON**NEW PRICE****CRABOURNE ROAD**

We are pleased to offer for sale this improved and extended, traditionally styled, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, two bedroomed semi detached property which is well presented throughout, comprising: Inner hall, lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, two double first floor bedrooms, modern shower room, garden to rear, off road parking for two cars to the front, burglar alarm, must be viewed. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 26526

Offers Around £102,950

PENSNETT**Tiled House Lane**

This fine property has undergone many improvements, by the current vendors in recent years and now provides an exceptional standard of accommodation which is surely not to be missed. The gas centrally heated traditional styled 3 bedroomed semi detached has accommodation to comprise, Hall, Extended lounge, large conservatory, Modern fitted kitchen, Bathroom, 3 first floor bedrooms master with en suite shower, landscaped frontage, upvc gutter & fascia, Driveway, cavity wall insulation, condensing boiler, compact landscaped rear garden, presented to a high standard, must be viewed. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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COSELEY**Ebenezer Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A significantly MODERNISED & much enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate terrace in a convenient/established district. Stylish accommodation includes lounge, dining room, upgraded kitchen. To the first floor are double & single bedrooms together with reappointed bathroom with white/shower, 'low maintenance' (decking) garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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QUARRY BANK**NEW PRICE****Thorns Road**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority) and gas centrally heated, two bedroomed end town house has been considerably improved and upgraded by the current owners, and is sure to appeal to first time buyers. The well presented property briefly comprises: Entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, rear verandah/utility, downstairs wc, two good bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with white suite and separate shower cubicle, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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Oakham £225,000  View Drive A four bedroom detached property briefly comprising reception hallway, open plan lounge/dining room, cloakroom, kitchen, first floor having four bedrooms and bathroom. Driveway giving off road parking, gardens to the front and rear, tandem garage. UPVC double glazing and gas central heating.	Himley £187,950  Churns Hill Lane A luxury first floor two bedroom apartment available for residents 55 years old or over, semi rural setting at Himley, communal hallway, apartment comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, further bedroom, bathroom, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.	Tivdale £171,000  Wentworth Drive A three bedroom detached dormer bungalow, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, through lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified. Viewing highly recommended.	Dudley £149,950  The Broadway A traditional three bedroom semi detached property comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, downstairs shower room, lounge, second reception room, kitchen, third reception room, three bedrooms and bathroom. To the front of the property there is off road parking, garage, rear garden.	Lower Gornal £140,000  Goodrich Mews Connells introduce this new build three bedroom town house having fitted kitchen with appliances, reception room, downstairs cloakroom, carpets fitted, en-suite to master bedroom, central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens. Two allocated parking spaces to the rear of the property.
Shinglers Drive £136,000  Shinglers Drive A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom, garage, off road parking, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	Netherton £134,950  Hockley Lane A three bedroom split level semi detached property, hallway, kitchen/diner, lower ground level having lounge, first floor landing having master bedroom, second floor two further bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the rear with open views, double glazing as specified. No Upward Chain.	Dudley £134,950  Nigel Road Semi detached property comprising entrance hall, downstairs shower room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, inner lobby/reception room 2, four bedrooms, master en-suite, bathroom, gardens to front & rear, viewing highly recommended, no upward chain, double glazing & central heating as specified.	Tipton £129,950  Edward Fisher Drive Introducing this three bedroom modern semi detached property, having lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, master having en-suite, family bathroom, double glazing as specified, gas central heating, off road parking and garage to the rear, front and rear gardens.	Woodsetton £124,950  Park Road A well presented semi detached property, comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, utility room, inner lobby, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom & w.c., second floor having bedroom three, garden to the front and rear, off road parking, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.
Prospect Row £120,000  Park View A development of brand new two bedroom homes. Designed to a high specification by IP Developments [www.ipdevelopments.co.uk] in conjunction with Burson Land.	Dudley £110,000  Eve Lane A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	Russells Hall £116,950  Ketley Hill Road A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, storage heating. Viewing highly recommended.	Dudley £115,000  New Road Introducing this three bedroom semi detached property benefiting from two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, central heating, partly double glazing, off road parking, garage to the side, front and rear gardens.	Dudley £105,000  Redcroft Road A traditional semi detached property, comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, w.c., first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain. Viewing highly recommended.
Dudley £104,995  Green Park Road A three bedroom semi detached property accommodation comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs shower room, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to rear, off road parking, gas central heating, double glazing as specified. Viewing highly recommended.	Dudley £97,000  Field Road A well presented semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bedroom three with shower room off, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	Dudley £95,000  Birmingham New Road Connells introduce this three bedroom semi detached property having two reception rooms, kitchen, verandah, part double glazing, central heating, upstairs shower room, off road parking, rear garden. In need of some modernisation.	Coseley £94,950  Broadmoor Road A two bedroom semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, first floor landing having two bedrooms, driveway giving off road parking, garage, garden to the rear, gas central heating. Ideal First Time Buyer Purchase.	Woodside £94,950  Avenue Road A well presented and much improved mid-terrace property. Accommodation briefly comprising entrance hall, down stairs bathroom, lounge, kitchen, garden to rear and off road parking to front, first floor landing having three bedrooms. Viewing highly recommended, no upward chain.
Tipton £69,950  Anita Avenue A well presented ground floor maisonette, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, inner lobby, shower room, allocated parking, economy 7 heating. Viewing highly recommended.	Upper Gornal £69,950  Glen Road A semi detached property accommodation briefly comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, two bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens, central heating and no upward chain.	Lower Gornal £69,000  Sandstone Close An immaculately presented first floor flat, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, garage, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Ideal First Time Purchase. Viewing highly recommended.	Russells Hall £67,000  Merryfield Road A much improved first floor flat accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, refitted kitchen, bedroom and refitted bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No upward chain.	Tipton £50,000  Alexandra Road A three bedroom mid terrace property, accommodation comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having two bedrooms and w.c., second floor having master bedroom, double glazing as specified. Ideal investment opportunity.
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- * Off road parking with garage to rear
- * Front and rear gardens

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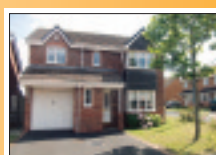
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Colin Roberts of Hi-TEC supplies with his ATV buggy



The quadricycle has a top speed of 40kmh and weighs 560kg

Perfect as your second vehicle

By Cathy Stanworth

THE latest green motoring craze to hit London is available in the West Midlands thanks to a Shropshire engineer.

Colin Roberts, of Hi Tech Supplies of Telford, sells the two-seater electric road-legal quadricycles from his lock-up.

He buys Gazelle petrol ATV buggies from China, and spends two to three weeks converting them to electric.

Electric quadricycles have proved popular in London because of the huge savings on petrol. They are exempt from road tax and the congestion charge, and get free parking, although they still need to be insured. As the average commuting speed in London is 10mph, electric buggies are the perfect solution for getting to and from work.

With a maximum speed of 40mph, the Gazelle is ideal as a second car to zip round town or for the school run. They can have a towbar fitted, off-road tyres are available and they have storage space on the back.

A Government scheme is being introduced to provide electric charging points across the country. Cities involved include London, Manchester and Birmingham.

Riding in one of the buggies, it was obvious that its 10kw BLDC motor (equivalent to a 300cc petrol engine) had enough zip to quickly pull out of junctions and motor happily up sloping roads. Disc brakes and independent suspension, with rear-mounted drive, mean it handles most terrains.

Quieter

A fun ride, with regenerative braking and six batteries, it has continuous power of 10kw and peak power of 20kw with a 72v/12v converter. It has many advantages over its rivals, which include the Renault Twizy, the Gem range from America and the G-Wiz, built in India for GoinGreen. In the Twizy the passenger has to sit behind the driver: in the Gazelle it is side-by-side. The Gem can reach speeds of 28mph compared to the Gazelle's top speed of 40mph and the G-Wiz sells at £9,000, compared to the Gazelle at £7,995.

"The next motor will be quieter," said Colin, after our test drive. "At the moment it sounds a bit like a milk float."

It looks nothing like a milk float. It has a hood with zip-off doors which turn it into an open top buggy.

Colin began by selling the petrol versions, but fuel consumption let them down so he started electric conversions.

The buggy has no gears or gear box, just a switch. "The reason for keeping the key is because you've got a steering lock and that disables the control to the motor," Colin said. As an automatic, it's easy to drive, has a dash-mounted switch for reverse and comes with a three-year warranty.

"This is the first ATV," Colin said. "The basic electric quadricycle. The vehicle has deep-discharge batteries, meaning you can run them down to 75 per cent power."

It charges from a 13amp socket but you need a separate socket from your fuse box and an RCD breaker.

Colin's buggies, which he believes are the cheapest on the market, weigh about 560kg.

He believes electric transport is still in its infancy. "Until the price of oil goes through the roof people will only consider it when they know they are going to save a lot of money."

"The main purpose of it is as a second vehicle. You need one vehicle to go on holiday or get to Manchester for example. The second one is usually used for shopping, getting to work locally or picking up the kids from school. So you've got one car wasted on the drive."

While the Gazelle is all about saving money, it's got impressive kit. Its brushless three-phase DC motor is over 90 per cent efficient. It has a battery pack and contactor supplying current to a controller, all the latest technology from China.

Choose

"It costs 50p to charge if completely flat," said Colin. Charging takes six or seven hours. An amp meter on the dashboard shows usage while a volt meter acts as a fuel gauge. "The amps go from 50 to 100," said Colin. "If you travel at 30mph you'll go further than if you were travelling at 40mph."

The Government intends eventually to electrify the whole of the country, so we could all end up with an electric vehicle on the drive. But which should we choose now?

Colin said the Gazelle was competitive with the Renault Twizy because, although they sell for £6,690, customers must lease the batteries for a minimum of three years at £40 a month. "On top of that it doesn't include the doors (£455) or alloy wheels (£350). You couldn't take it off the road. It has tiny little wheels. It's just suitable for towns and cities."

The Gem is available from £10,150 with a top speed of 28mph. It is being sold to golf courses and resorts. I believe they're way over-priced.

Compared to a full sized electric car, such as a £25,000 Nissan Leaf, Colin said: "The full size electric vehicle depreciates so much that they're not viable as an alternative to a petrol car. Also the battery replacement cost is very high."

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THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2011, AND WILL RUN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 16.30 AND 21.00, AND THE SAID SAFETY MEASURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIMLEY BONFIRE EVENT WILL COMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE.

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Date: 3 November 2011.

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THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2011, AND WILL RUN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 16.30 AND 21.00, AND THE SAID SAFETY MEASURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIMLEY BONFIRE EVENT WILL COMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the highway safety measures in connection with the Himley Bonfire Event, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Date: 3 November 2011.

John Tradewell, Director of Law and Democracy.

County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford ST16 2LH.

Ref: 514830; Enquiries: Mrs. Simmonds; Tel: 0300 111 8020.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)

ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

B4176 Dudley Road, Himley

Division Of Vehicular Traffic

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Staffordshire County Council, on 01 November 2011, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of B4176 Dudley Road, Himley between its junction with A449 Wolverhampton Road and the County Boundary unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the Himley Bonfire Event; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be maintained. A special bus service will be operation from A449 entrance only.

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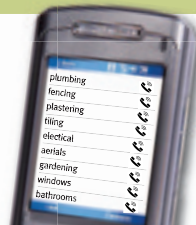
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Many positive performances from Hawks teams

Boys League

Halas Hawks West 4 Forest Falcons 0
After a goalless first half against Forest Falcons, the U9s West stepped it up in the second half winning 4-0 with goals from Harvey Brooks (2), Jayko Adams and Robert Pilling. Man of the match went to midfield dynamo Anthony Andreou.

Trysull 0 Halas Hawks East 3
A lively start saw the U9s East go in at half time with a well-deserved 1-0 lead from a screaming Jack Whitehouse goal. The second half produced the same amount of passion and desire to win with the lads scoring twice more through Jack Plant and Dan Richards to record a 3-0 win. Man of the match went to Liam Jones for an excellent defensive display.

Kewford Eagles St 1 Halas Hawks East 0
The U10s travelled to Kewford losing by a single goal scored from a free kick. They went close to equalizing through Joshua Yorke and Charlie Greening but could not find the breakthrough. The man of the match award went to Louie Jones and Donovan Westwood.

Halas Hawks West 4 Halesowen Town 3

The U11s West came under pressure from a good attacking Halesowen Town side who took a two-goal lead, but Halas levelled through Jack Bissell and Callum Hudson. The same two players scored again in the second half but a third goal from Halesowen meant a nervy end to the game. Halas goalkeeper Nathan Kennings pulled off some fine saves which earned him the man of the match award.

Halas Hawks 6 Kingswinford 3
The U12s had a comfortable 6-3 win over Kingswinford Youth, their goals coming from the match Mohammed Mohamed (2), Nick Bennett (2), Jonty Round, and Matthew Evans.

Warley Borough 3 Halas Hawks 1
The U13s suffered a disappointing defeat to Warley Borough in a game in which they were on top for large parts. Halas started brightly but conceded three goals before the break. The second half saw Halas come more into the game but their only reward was a consolation goal from Cameron Milne.

Warley Borough 1 Halas Hawks East 3

Dan Willetts scored an emphatic hat trick as the U15s East beat Warley Borough 3-1. The team put on an excellent passing performance in a game where every player shone.

Himley Colts 0 Halas Hawks 2
The U16s recorded their first win of the season with a solid 2-0 scoreline at Himley Colts. A goal from Lewis Hatfield saw Halas take a 1-0 lead into the second half which saw Himley pressing for an equalizer, but a second goal from Josh Cater eventually settled the game. The man of the match award went to Tony Harley.

Halas Hawks 1 Bordesley Green 1 (Bordesley won 5-4 on pens)
This was a thrilling U17s County Cup tie with end to end action for the complete 90 minutes. The game ended in a 1-1 stalemate with Mitch Webb scoring the only goal for Halas. Extra time saw no further score but Bordesley eventually won the game on penalties.

Girls League

Halas Hawks 10 Gornal 0

Halas Hawks Girls U10s beat Gornal Girls 10-0 to stay unbeaten this season with another great performance. The goal of the game came from a superb passing move between Megan Hawley, Kelly Nicklin and Maddison Eden which was finished by Hannah Fellows volleying home from close range.

Fellows scored a further four goals and there was a hat trick from Kirsty Hampton and a brace for Maddison Eden.

Withymoor 2 Halas Hawks 6
Withymoor were slow to start in a game where Halas U14 girls took an early three-goal lead before both teams then settled into an exciting encounter where action was seen at both ends. Ciara Robinson-Morris pulled off some excellent saves with Mia Bell shining in right midfield.

Amy Blakemore scored a hat-trick with Sophie Pritchard adding another two and Ellie Lambrou completing the 6-2 scoreline.

Ferndale Youth 1 Halas Hawks 4

There were chances aplenty for the U16 girls against Ferndale with Charlotte Little hitting the post from a corner early on and that signalled the visitors intent with Kate Drew hitting a hat trick before half time. Ferndale came out strongly for the second half but Halas soaked up the pressure as Drew hit a fourth with the home team getting a consolation with the last kick of the game. Player of the match went to Kate Duffy.

Ladies

Halas Hawks 6 Birch Coppice 3

Halas Hawks Ladies returned to league action at home to Birch Coppice Bullets and recorded a deserved 6-3 win.

Although looking comfortable for most of the game, they gave goals away, which kept Birch Coppice in with a chance of a point, but a Katie Monk hat trick, which included a 40 yard free kick, two from Tash Berry and one from Becky Allsopp made the score more respectable.

Last-gasp goal denies Hales a win

OLD HALESONIANS HOCKEY CLUB

OHHC 1st XI 4 Shrewsbury 4

Old Halesonians 1st XI had a frustrating afternoon at Great Park, as they hosted Shrewsbury. Despite never being behind, Hales could not hold onto their lead and had to settle for a point.

The Hales side started the game positively as they dominated the 1st half. Man of the match Graham Knight opened the scoring with a delicate finish past a stranded Shrewsbury keeper, and he soon grabbed his second as the home side continued to pile the pressure on the Shrewsbury goal.

A confident passing move finished when Knight found himself in front of goal where he slotted it home for his brace. Tom Bulteel then put his name on the score sheet with a reverse stick shot into the corner of the goal. At 3-0 up Hales were cruising, but they became complacent before the half time break.

Shrewsbury grabbed two goals back in quick succession to make it 3-2.

Despite an encouraging team talk, Shrewsbury were able to grab an equaliser soon after the break from a penalty corner. Both teams settled into the second half, but it was certainly not the usual Hales performance that was expected.

As the game drew to a close, Bulteel was able to score his second of the game following a scramble in the D to give the home side a 4-3 lead. Hales thought that they had grabbed the winner, but there was just enough time for Shrewsbury to score an equaliser in the dying moments of the game.

Stratford 1 OHHC 2nd XI 2

Old Halesonians Hockey 2nd Team made it two wins in a row away from home with a fine team performance away at Stratford.

Hales finally bucked the trend of letting the opposition take an early lead as they started brightly from the first whistle. Nick Truelove gave Hales the lead after collecting a stray hit from the Stratford 6. Truelove went on to beat two Stratford defenders before slamming it into the corner of the net. Stratford came back strongly and equalised. Hales did not let this get to them, as another Stratford defensive error allowed for Marc Herickx to pick his spot past the diving Stratford keeper.

The second half was a much tighter affair, but the Hales defence were able to shut out any Stratford attack. Hales comfortably saw the game out.

Solihull Blossomfield 0 OHHC 3rd XI 4

Old Halesonians 3rd Team topped the table for the first time this season, after keeping up their 100 per cent record with a 4-0 victory in Solihull. They have won all four of their fixtures which was made even more impressive that three of those victories have been away from home.

Old Hales started quickly and scored in the opening minutes as Steve Butler was first to react after Adam Hill had his shot saved by the keeper. After then, Solihull defended in mass, as Old Hales kept firing at the goal, with the Solihull goalkeeper in fine form. Solihull did hit the post but other than that, Ade Lockyer had very little to do.

In the second half injured captain, Neil Painter changed the formation to 4-3-3 and within minutes Man of the match Deck Glaze fired the ball into the D, which was deflected into the goal by Adam Hill. Old Hales were in control but put the game beyond doubt when Neil Penn hit the net for a 3-0 lead. Damian Shackleton was able to make it four from a penalty corner before the final whistle.

OHHC 4th XI 7 Rugby & East Warwick 2

Hales scored early on, and extended their lead before half time. Rugby & East Warwick were only able to grab two consolation goals, in a game which was always going to result in three points for the home side.

Stourport 3-4 OHHC Ladies

Old Halesonians Ladies stormed to a 4-3 victory against Stourport in a game where the fixture being a friendly, Hales took no prisoners as they were able to experience a confidence boosting win. Sarah Skidmore was able to grab two for the visitors, with Annie Smith and Suzanne Collins both scoring a goal each.

OHHC U-11s – Droitwich Tournament

Old Halesonians U11s put in a tremendous performance at the Droitwich Tournament, beating Kings Heath 1-0, Knoll School 1-0 and Watlington 6-0. The team of Lewis, Aidan, Matt, William, Josh, Joseph, Rae and Lara worked together keeping clean sheets in all matches and creating goals which were shared throughout the squad. Congratulations to the whole team for their performance, and thanks must also go to the travelling support.

FA Cup with Budweiser 4th Qualifying Round STOURBRIDGE 5 RUSHALL OLYMPIC 0

Super Stourbridge booked a place in the FA Cup first round proper with an emphatic rout of Rushall Olympic.

After a tight opening, Gary Hackett's men began to get on top and in the 11th minute Aaron Drake unleashed a fierce drive that was goalbound until Mitchell Tolley got his head to the ball to divert it over.

Three minutes later Olympic were grateful for a double save from keeper Chris Gemmell as a touch from Sam Rock laid on a close-range chance for Ryan Rowe.

He was denied at point-blank range by Gemmell and the keeper then recovered well to block the follow-up from Rock.

The resulting left-wing corner from Sean Geddes dropped invitingly for Sam Smith but he volleyed wide.

Rushall threatened seriously for the first time on 19 minutes when Alex Melbourne delivered in a cross from the right and Ahmed Obeng got in a glancing header that was deflected for a corner.

On 21 minutes Stourbridge swept into the lead with a fine strike from Ben Billingham. Geddes picked out Leon Broadhurst and he headed down for Billingham to hit a crisp first-time left-foot shot that flew inside Gemmell's right-hand post.

Clipping

Rushall looked to respond with Richard Blythe clipping a shot wide on 26 minutes and Stourbridge had an escape a few minutes later.

Keeper Lewis Solly tried to punch clear a free-kick from Melbourne but the ball hit Danny Bragoli on the back and, fortunately for the hosts, bounced harmlessly wide.

The Glassboys lost Sam Smith through injury on 36 minutes with Craig Slater coming on and Paul McConne moved into the centre of the defence.

But Stourbridge continued to push for a second goal and they went close again in the 38th minute as Geddes pulled a short left-wing corner back to Drake on the corner of the box and his low shot was saved by Gemmell at the foot of his near post.

Two minutes later Stourbridge did double their advantage as a cushioned header from Geddes allowed Broadhurst to combine with Rowe who turned and hit a drive from the edge of the box past a rooted Gemmell. A minute before the break the home side almost made it 3-0 but Gemmell denied Broadhurst.

Rushall made a double chance at the break with Craig Bannister and Luke Bottomer coming on for Melbourne and Christian Dacres.

A shot from Obeng was safely gathered by Solly on 51 minutes but, with the visitors committing more men forward, there was always the danger that they would be opened up at the back.

Released

In the 56th minute a back-heel from Rowe released Rock down the left and he pulled the ball low back into the path of Billingham who lofted his shot over the bar.

Two minutes later Drake put Stourbridge 3-0 up as a superb diagonal ball from left to right exposed the Rushall defence to leave Drake through on goal and he coolly picked his spot.

Soon after, Rushall had a penalty shout for handball against Drake turned down by the referee.

A mistake from Liam Francis allowed Drake to slip the ball inside to Rowe whose early shot was saved by Gemmell.

But with 14 minutes remaining Billingham grabbed his second goal of the match to put the result beyond doubt.

A forceful run from Broadhurst into the box was halted by Gemmell, but the ball broke to Billingham who smacked it into the net.

Rushall were denied a consolation goal on 82 minutes when a cross by Luke Edwards was met on the volley by Bannister but Solly pulled off a great save.

A minute from time Broadhurst put the seal on an excellent Glassboys performance.

He burst past Francis before curling a side-foot shot beyond the reach of Gemmell into the bottom corner of the net.



On-loan Rushall defender Liam Francis with Ryan Rowe



Ben Billingham is mobbed after hitting the opening goal

Six of the best for Hasbury Russell double seals victory

STOURBRIDGE GIRLS LEAGUE

Gornal 0 Hasbury 6 U14s

Hasbury played with eight girls in their game away to second in the league.

Gornal started brightly but Hasbury's trademark passing began to press Gornal back. Hasbury had a few chances before Ellis opened the score with a great shot on the run for 1-0.

Gornal began to make a game of it and with an attack saw them one on one with Shannon, only for Shannon to make a brilliant save.

Hasbury then picked off Gornal's defence and a good cross from Levi saw Meg to tap in from close range for 2-0.

With Ellis and Becky controlling the midfield, Hasbury enjoyed

more attacking, but Levi collected the ball on the right then crossed a fierce shot which flew into the net for 3-0 at half time.

Hasbury again pushed forward with some delightful play and with Levi running riot down the right, she again dispatched a great shot to beat their keeper for 4-0.

Levi then managed to collect the ball to fire a rocket past the keeper into the roof of the net for Hasbury's fifth and her hat trick.

As the game was drawing to a close, Hasbury had some great chances with Siobhan coming close with a great effort, and Sian also had great chance. Levi again just missed and Becky's free kick just missed before Ellis rounded off the scoring for 6-0.

Coleshill 0 Tividale 3

Tividale brushed aside Coleshill Town with a comprehensive all-round display.

The match began with Tividale opening brightly and they opened the scoring on 12 minutes following persistent pressure. Sam Williams put them one up while on the floor during a goalmouth scramble.

Minutes later the same player came close to doubling the lead with a powerful header which just cleared the crossbar.

Further efforts followed from Chris Russell, Adam Wattley and Adam Simkiss which brought good saves from Paul Hathaway in the Coleshill goal.

The home side gradually got into the game and in the 34th minute Tim Beech was forced to make a good save from a 25-yard stinger from Warner. Russell got on the scoresheet just before half-time after good work by Kyle Hill set up the lively striker who made no mistake from 15 yards with a fine right-foot drive.

The game was over as a contest when Coleshill midfielder Ben Porter was dismissed in the 78th minute and Russell added a third from the penalty spot two minutes from time.

Yeltz fall to late Bowers strike

Halesowen 1 Sholing 2

YELTZ lost in the third minute of injury time after two late penalties had the game heading for a draw.

South-coast side Sholing had the better of play early and late in the first half. Iain Seabrook struck a fifth minute free-kick straight at keeper Paul Evans and saw another effort deflected for a corner. Jack McCarthy's overhead kick then clipped the top of the bar.

When Halesowen finally settled, Justin Nisbett broke down the right after 20 minutes but his low cross was cleared off Lee Chilton's toe by Mike Carter.

Michael McGrath's 20-yard free-kick was then gathered by keeper Lee Webber.

Gavin Saunders then played a neat interchange before striking a low drive against the base of the Sholing post after 25 minutes.

Sholing responded with McCarthy shooting just wide.

Visiting keeper Webber held a fierce snap-shot from Chilton at the second attempt before his opposite number Evans made a good save with his legs to deny Lee Wort.

The visitors had a 54th minute let-off when Webber grabbed Chilton's cross at the second attempt with Naveed Arshad about to pounce. Yeltz also escaped when Wort intercepted a weak back header from Peter Folkes but Evans made a fine reflex save.

The game finished with a flourish following three late goals and two penalties.

Mark Smith tripped Marvin McLean allowing Wort to stroke home an 84th-minute penalty to put Sholing ahead.

Halesowen received a lifeline with a spot-kick of their own with two minutes left when Anthony Bruce was brought down by Kevin Gibbens and Chilton stepped up to smash home.

But Halesowen were rocked in the 93rd minute. Evans saved well from Worth but Tyrone Bowers reacted to fire home.

sport

Get on board for Glassboys' FA Cup trip

Ticket prices for the Glassboys FA Cup tie at Plymouth Argyle will be announced this week and will be pay-on-the-day at Home Park for Stourbridge fans.

The club will be organising coach travel for to the match. The fare will be £20 (no concessions) and departure time from the ground will be 8.30 am on the Saturday morning. The coaches will be stewarded and no alcohol will be permitted on board.

Fares must be paid in full and booked in person at the Stourbridge

FC Club Shop in the Glassboys Bar.

Supporters had the first opportunity to book their seats to Plymouth at the Stourport match on Tuesday night. But there will be further opportunities to book at the following times -

Thursday November 3 between 8 pm and 9.30 pm

Saturday November 5 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the FA Trophy home tie against Kendal - and again at half-time.

Sunday November 6 between 11 am and 1 pm.



Christian Dacres, right, challenges Stour's Sean Geddes - match report page 55

ROBINS CONTINUE RUN OF GOOD FORM

Scoreless match sees the Harriers clinging on

BUSTLEHOLME 1 DUDLEY TOWN 2

West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Division

Despite a string of missed opportunities that would have given the scoreline a more justified feel, Dudley Town produced a highly competent performance against struggling Bustleholme as their run of good form continues.

Andy Burgess was able to add his long-term target James Trevalen to The Robins side after the experienced and highly-rated, shot-stopper had made a midweek switch from last season's WMPL champions Tividale.

Elsewhere Burgess kept the rest of the side that had so clinically disposed of Bartley Green in the Midweek Floodlit Cup the Tuesday prior. Bustleholme themselves had quite a hint of Dudley Town about them with Marvin Whitter, Rich Hill and Danny Bell all featuring for the Bs, while keeper Matt Martin had spent the summer on trial at The Dell.

Although Dudley fans would have been delighted to see Ash Dale's name on the list of substitutes after the youngster sustained an horrific leg injury in the clash between the two sides last November.

Dudley certainly started the brighter of the two sides as their dominance would last pretty much the whole of the 90 minutes. Rion Francis-Mills had a great chance to give Dudley an early lead but his shot crept just wide of Martin's goal.

Pinpoint

The B's keeper also had to be on song to deny Drenitz Bala after the Croatian had fired in a firm shot from just outside the six-yard box. It was no surprise when Dudley took the lead on 11 minutes when defender Ross Love made contact to a pinpoint Danny Ludlow cross to steer the ball into the net.

Since conceding the home side stepped up a gear, with Trevalen doing well to block out former Robins striker Whitter. Although on 24 minutes the scores were level. After Spencer Lloyd had been brought down by Richard Langford midfielder Adam Burgess dispatched the resulting free-kick over the wall and past Trevalen.

Reeling from the injustice of being pegged back after being so dominant Dudley again started to dominate play from within the home side's half. The best chance of the remainder of the first period fell to Ben Stretton who lashed his shot over the crossbar after Bala had crafted a beautiful ball into his path.

Ferociously

The visitors returned to the second half even more ferociously and it only took them eight minutes to retake the lead. Danny Ludlow dispatching an unstoppable free kick that eventually got diverted in off the head of defender Connor Deeley-Brewer.

Dudley continued to batter the Bustleholme backline and should really have been three-one up just past the hour mark after the impressive Ludlow saw his cross turned past the post by Bala.

The run of bad luck in front of goal was even starting to affect the in form Rion Francis-Mills who saw his shot blocked out of nowhere by Chris Norton when it appeared the highly-rated youngster had extended his sides advantage.

There was still time for Bala and Store to threaten the scorers as the game edged to his conclusion whilst Spencer Lloyd saw red for a second bookable offence with just ten minutes remaining.

All in all this was an impressive victory for The Robins after they claimed their first victory at The Tipton Sports Academy for three seasons in a type of game that has become a potential 'banana skin' over the last few years.

They now have a huge test ahead of them on Saturday when AFC Wulfrunians, who are edging themselves into the title picture visit The Dell.

DK win is kicked into touch in the dying minutes



DK right wing Duncan Chance in action.



Stefan Shillingford powers through the Scunthorpe defence to score DK's sixth and final try



Big second row Shaun Griffiths making hard yards for DK



Full back Matt Farrington ready for the tackle.

Scunthorpe 37 Dudley Kingswinford 34

A weakened Dudley Kingswinford line up snatched defeat from the jaws of victory when home side Scunthorpe broke clear to grab a last-minute winner.

A pulsating game of attacking open rugby saw DK score six tries to Scunthorpe's five but the visitors couldn't press home their late advantage and slipped to their second defeat of the season.

First-team regulars Ollie Shakespeare, Tui Asi Pito, Stefan Thorp, Tom Weaver and Greg Lewis were all unavailable, so Simon Fletcher partnered Stefan Shillingford in the centre and James Jefferson came in on the left wing.

The hosts went 7-0 up inside four minutes when a scrum was moved to dangerous Kiwi winger Rewiti Viamoso who cruised home from 35 metres out.

DK responded with a series of attacks and after 18 minutes Jefferson finished a brisk move to reduce the arrears to 7-5.

Scunthorpe upped their game and

another Kiwi, scrum half Dan McLean, burst through to the posts for another try which was converted by centre Karl Clayton. An end-to-end contest continued at breakneck speed and Jon Tidswell scored another DK try, although Fletcher was unable to convert it so Scunthorpe led 14-10.

Suicidal

DK then gave away a suicidal try on 34 minutes when a wayward kick went straight down the throat of The Green's impressive winger Viamoso, who had the freedom of a clear 65-metre run to the posts.

Yet another poor kick got DK's second half off to the worst possible start as Clayton squeezed over to give Scunthorpe a 24-10 lead, although Duncan Chance reduced that to 24-15 six minutes later from a quick ruck. DK were warning to the task and scored an excellent bonus point fourth try after 50 minutes when a

sweeping midfield move culminated with Sam Pedley touching down, a try converted by Fletcher.

At this stage when it seemed DK might overwhelm their hosts but their discipline let them down and Clayton kicked penalties from 55 and 65 metres to take the home side two scores clear at 30-22.

DK set up a grandstand finish with the try of the game after 70 minutes when Matt Farrington delicately threaded his way through several Scunthorpe defenders to put DK right back in it at 30-27.

The visitors took the lead for the first time with just four minutes left when Shillingford bulldozed his way over near the posts, with Fletcher's conversion making it 34-30 in DK's favour.

But, with less than a minute remaining, DK inexplicably elected to penalty kick into touch instead of kicking at goal and, having knocked on from the line-out, they conceded possession and Scunthorpe raced upfield with Clayton touching down.

Kidderminster Harriers 0 Corby Town 0

Harriers are still in the FA Cup - but only just. They went perilously close to exiting the competition at the fourth qualifying round stage when they were held to a disappointing goalless draw against Corby Town at Aggborough.

Steve Burr's troops now face a tricky replay at Steel Park on Wednesday night.

Harriers went into yesterday's televised first round proper draw despite turning in a poor performance against their Blue Square Bet North visitors.

Boss Burr admitted his side had found it tough going in what was Kidderminster's first fixture against Corby for 25 years.

"We made it hard for ourselves, but I expected the game to be close. Over the last few weeks we have just lost a bit of confidence and rhythm," said Burr.

Harriers, who have not played in the first round proper since 2008, also ended a frustrating afternoon with two key players on the casualty list.

Midfielder Kyle Storer suffered a fractured cheekbone while defender Lee Vaughan limped off in the second half with a dead leg.

Angled

The Steelmen, visiting Aggborough for the first time in nearly 30 years, could easily have been a couple of goals in front by the break had they taken their chances.

Jordan Smith mis-kicked when well placed, James Ozmen broke through and had the ball snatched off his feet by goalkeeper Dean Lyness and Matt Rhead glanced a header wide before Harriers had a serious attempt on goal.

It arrived in the 32nd minute and resulted in leading scorer Nick Wright directing his angled shot wide.

Corby's Delroy Gordon nodded narrowly over and just before half-time Lyness made a mistake which he instantly corrected by pulling off a fine save to thwart Nick Rogan.

The visitors remained a regular threat during the second period with Lyness being forced to produce a splendid save to keep out a fierce effort from Andy Hall.

Excellent

Kidderminster also had their chances to nudge ahead with substitute Steve Guinan having a shot tipped over by former Aggborough goalkeeper Chris MacKenzie, who also made another excellent save to thwart Storer.

Luke Jones helped keep hard-working Corby at bay with a solid performance at the heart of Harriers' defence.

Jones said: "We can admit that we weren't at our best from the kick-off. For whatever reason we just didn't seem to get into our stride."

"We didn't look like we had a goal threat and at times they had a few chances and could have nicked something. We have now gone and made it more difficult for ourselves."

Kidderminster: Lyness; Vaughan (Hankin 58), Jones, Sharpe, Marshall; Vincent, Storer, Bird; Wright (Guinan 55), Marc Williams (Thompson-Brown, 72). **Subs:** not used: Briscoe, Phelan, Cresswell, Demetriou.

Corby: MacKenzie; Gordon, Mayo, Reynolds, Gulliver; Ozmen, Hall, Towers, Rhead; Rogan (Spruce, 87), Smith. **Subs:** not used: Land, Ives, Dossou, Fairlamb, Hibbert, Malone.

Referee: Karl Evans (Greater Manchester). **Attendance:** 1,281 (179 away fans).

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